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COLONIAL SECRETARY DEFENDS MINISTRY

Does Not Believe it Possible or Desirable to Institute Single Chamber.

London, Dec. 21.—However much the King's advisors in both parties may desire to keep his Majesty out of the present crisis, they find it almost impossible. Many members of the Labor and Socialistic parties, with whom the ministerialists have been driven by political necessities into a sort of electoral alliance, go on declaiming against all forms of hereditary government, not excluding the sovereign.

Doubtless this led Lord Crewe, colonial secretary, to make his remarkable delivery at Stoke on Saturday, defending the ministry against extremists in their own party. He said:

"It was asked, if they took away all the powers the Lords possessed, which by the way, was not what the government proposed, to do why not abolish the Lords altogether?" King George the Third might have said: "If you are limiting the prerogatives of the crown, why not abolish the monarchy?" King George, if he had had prophetic wisdom might have looked forward to the reign of his illustrious granddaughter and great-grandson, and seen what a much greater thing the British monarchy had become. The crown was now universally recognized as being perhaps the most indispensable link in the existence of Europe. He confessed that he did not believe it was either possible or desirable to institute a single chamber in this country. For one thing, it would entirely alter the character and composition of the House of Commons, and he desired to see the Commons remain as it was."

Naval Alarms.

The speech of the Earl of Crawford at Belfast on Saturday greatly angers the minister, who declares it greatly alarmist.

To counter the naval alarms, they are announcing immediate contracts for three Dreadnoughts, for delivery in the spring of 1912, but Garvin in the Observer, and Blatchford in the Mail, declare that Germany's enormous increase in naval expenditures in 1910, of which 10% millions are on new warships against England's 10%, also Germany's greatly accelerated shipbuilding capacity, must be met by the British battleship standard of two new keels to one for North Sea purposes. Germany, they urge, must be made to pause by England laying down twelve super-Dreadnoughts next year, with the 50 million sterling loan being raised for the purpose.

Unionist statesmen are so impressed with the gravity and urgency of the German menace that they would certainly institute a bold and large naval programme upon return to power as the only means of preserving the balance of power in Europe and preventing Germany's fresh subjection of France and German domination of all Europe.

Imperial Unity.

Speaking at Bridgport Saturday Lord Milner said he had never been a scaramonger, but the great position won by England was being menaced more and more every day. The future demanded the energy not only of the United Kingdom, but of the Empire. Imperial unity was the great issue before which all others sank into insignificance. What trace of this issue was there in the speeches of the Liberals? The Liberals were agreed on nothing except predatory taxation and hostility to the Lords.

Mr. Churchill, speaking at Warrington, laid stress on the unemployment for which palliation would be found in the Development Act, a scheme of insurance under consideration by the board of trade.

T. J. McNamara, parliamentary secretary of the local government board, speaking in London, denounced the German scare as "ridiculous."

Mr. Balfour's physician forbade him to speak at the Conservative Club luncheon at Edinburgh yesterday.

Lord Charles Beresford, writing to the Unionist candidate in Mid-Derbyshire, says the two-power standard has been deserted and cannot be regained unless four other nations forming the British Empire "will join with us until the security of our material supplies and raw materials is assured beyond all question."

The Elections.

It has finally been decided that the writs for the new elections will be issued January 5th, allowing for the first election on January 13th.

There will again be heavy broadsides of oratory this week. Mr. Asquith will speak at Birkenhead to-day and half a dozen ministers will be on the platform every night led by Mr. Lloyd George.

The most novel feature of the elections is the campaign of the peers. They have addressed 72 meetings and 70 more are already arranged for.

It is now possible to indicate how the parties stand and in matter of candidates. Uncontested constituencies will be fewer in number than for a long time past. At the outside there will probably be 17, of which 15 are represented by Unionists. Triangular contests will also be few. The Chronicle estimates that they will not exceed 20. In 30 constituencies Laborites and Unionists have a straight fight.

INNER HARBOR AND NEW WHARF

G. T. P. OFFICIALS MEET ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Steamship and Railway Officials to Meet—A New Plan.

An informal discussion between the members of the Inner Harbor Association and G. A. McNicholl and Capt. Nicholson of the G.T.P. on the matter of the proposed wharves for the G.T.P. on the inner harbor, took place this morning in the committee room of the city hall, and after a general discussion during which a proposed amendment of the company's plans submitted by Thomas Sorby was inspected, Mr. McNicholl said he would forward it to the company's offices at Montreal for inspection there.

The plan as amended by Mr. Sorby, however, it is held, will not meet the approval of the C.P.R. or the Alaska Steamship Company, both of which have wharfage and docks on the harbor, nor will Mr. McNicholl make any recommendation regarding it. The amended plan takes off two corners of the plan submitted by the G.T.P., but according to some of those present would not greatly facilitate the docking of the G.T.P. boats without interfering with the rights of those companies already established there.

The Inner Harbor Association sent a letter of protest against the plans to the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa, and Mr. Sorby this morning read a reply from the deputy minister saying that the protest had been noted for consideration should an application for foreshore be received from the G.T.P. Mr. Sorby also had a letter from G. H. Barnard, M.P., saying that no title had been granted by the Marine and Fisheries Department, but that a plan had been filed and then later had been withdrawn. At the meeting, among others were G. A. Kirk (Chairman), Senator McDonald, Capt. Clarke, T. E. Lee, J. K. Rybeck, Capt. Nicholson, G. A. McNicholl, Jas. McArthur, Ald. Raymond and Bishop, Capt. Gaunt, F. W. Vincent and Thos. Sorby.

Mr. Kirk said the meeting had been called to discuss the plans of the G.T.P. wharf with Mr. McNicholl, and see what could be done. Mr. Sorby had drawn a plan which seemed to him a good one, and he would like to hear what Mr. McNicholl had to say in regard to it.

Mr. McNicholl said that the original plan was what the company required, and they proposed to dredge in to get additional facilities. Mr. Sorby says this cannot be done, but on his plan the company could not get its buildings in nor get the driveway to the wharf. With the plan of the G.T.P. can dredge and still get what it required, and have planned this for actual requirements.

Senator McDonald: "We don't want to put any objection in the way of the G.T.P., but you are not going to spoil other people's property. We can get an injunction to stop you."

Mr. McNicholl: "Well we feel that these are the plans we want, and if we cannot get these we must abandon our plans. It is a question whether the people of Victoria want us, for we are not going to pay wharfage."

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TAXICABS MAY BE INTRODUCED HERE

Local Capital Interested in Project to Provide New Vehicles.

"Taxi, sir; taxi?"

This new note of the curbstone will, it is said, be heard in Victoria for the first time this summer, a company having projected to give to the Capital City the added convenience among its inter-city transportation facilities of the swift and cheap taxicab.

Already most of the large cities of the East as well as those of the Old Land and Europe are equipped with these vehicles, but up to date they have not penetrated to any extent to the cities of the West.

By means of the taxicab, as is well known, a passenger pays according to a sliding scale, which is regulated by the distance he travels. An automatic meter registers the minimum fare, say of twenty-five cents, as he or she enters, and thereafter the meter automatically records the growth of the fare as the distance increases. In the old Country a shilling fare will take the traveller anywhere in a mile radius.

In the European cities they have largely supplanted the once indispensable omnibus cab, both because of their swiftness and also because they relieve the traveller from the extortion of which the hansom drivers were often guilty.

The capital interested in the new venture is said to be entirely local, and the promoters hope to have the equipment in Victoria streets this summer.

WHEAT FOR EXPORT.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 21.—According to the government statistics, the wheat yield is 25,500,000 bushels for the year, which exceeds last year's production by 10,000,000. This leaves over 15,000,000 bushels available for export.



LOCATING HIS QUARRY.

Huntsman Lubbe—"Ah! I thought I would get him on this runway if I waited long enough."

NEWS NOTE.—Ald. Stewart predicts that the city will be buying water by the gallon from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company in 1912.

EIGHTEEN PERISH IN FIRE

BODIES OF EIGHT VICTIMS RECOVERED

Ten Others Believed to Be Buried in Debris of Big Store.

G. T. P. MAY BUILD HOTEL

REPORTED COMPANY HAS EYE ON VICTORIA

C.-P. R. Official Takes Excep- tion to Proposed Wharves of Rivals.

COOK'S CLAIM NOT VERIFIED

SCIENTISTS REPORT FINDING TO UNIVERSITY

Data Insufficient to Warrant Verdict That He Found North Pole.

London, Dec. 21.—It was definitely stated to-day that eighteen persons lost their lives in the fire that destroyed the great Arding & Hobbs store in Clapham suburbs at noon yesterday.

Eight bodies have been recovered. Ten other persons are missing, and are believed to be buried in the ruins of the store.

The mass of debris is still so hot that it is feared the bodies of the missing have been incinerated.

No authoritative estimate of the financial loss caused by the fire has been made. It was stated to-day, however, that the firm recently refused an offer of \$5,000,000 for the business and good-will of the proprietors.

MAN BURIED IN
MINE FOR WEEK

Found Alive After Having Been Without Food for Seven Days.

KING LEOPOLD'S WILL.

Daughter of the Late Monarch Prepares to Bring Action Against Baroness Vaughn.

Portland, Dec. 21.—The entire police force of the city to-day are searching for two masked men who at 5:35 p. m. yesterday held up a Fulton cemetery car and after relieving the conductor of \$1.60 swung from the car and disappeared into a clump of heavy under-brush. Although several passengers were on the car only the conductor, R. Cook, was molested.

ACCIDENTS IN CANADA.

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London, Dec. 21.—The committee of scientists which has been investigating the data of Dr. Frederik A. Cook, the Brooklyn explorer, to-day officially reported to the consistory of the University of Copenhagen that Cook's records and observations are wholly insufficient to warrant a verdict that he discovered the north pole.

Mr. Marpole, representing the C.P.R., was in the city yesterday, and while here on other business, waited on the committee of the Board of Trade to protest against the proposed construction of G.T.P. wharves in the inner harbor.

It is understood that Mr. Marpole regards the new wharves as an interference with the fairway for the entry and clearance of the ships of his company, and he intimated that he would carry the fight against their construction to Ottawa.

There is a strong disposition among the business men of the city to meet the G.T.P. half way in the matter, and the feeling is general that while present interests must be protected that every possible encouragement should be extended to this great railway corporation to acquire the important connections it is seeking in this city. The relations between Victoria and the C.P.R. are to-day of a friendly character, and there is no disposition to have it otherwise, but the importance of affording equal encouragement to the great rival of the C.P.R. is evident to the business community.

It is stated on the best authority that not only do the Grand Trunk intend proceeding with the erection of wharves to take care of their northern and eastern trade, but that they will, as soon as possible proceed with the construction of an hotel to house their travellers. This they have already done at Prince Rupert, and another, and necessarily one which may fairly rival the Empress, is said to be in their plans for here.

STREET CAR HELD UP.

Conductor Robbed of \$1.60 by Two
Masked Men Who Escape.

SAILOR HELD FOR MURDER OF WIFE

Carried His Victim Into Drug Store After Shooting Her.

Bremerton, Wash., Dec. 21.—John Stokes, boatswain, is held to-day in the naval prison here following his arrest at Charleston last evening for killing his wife.

The murder was committed on the main street of the town, after a brief quarrel, the nature of which has not been learned.

After firing a bullet from his revolver through the woman's breast, Stokes picked her up and carried her into a drug store and then slipped away.

DESPERADO'S SUICIDE.

Shoots Himself When He Is Surrounded
by Posse.

Abbeville, La., Dec. 21.—A thrilling man hunt terminated near here when Roy O'Hara, a negro desperado, killed himself after a chase lasting since Tuesday, when the negro shot Officers Holly and Thomas.

At the entrance to the Chotawatchie swamp a cordon of 100 men surrounded the negro. Wounded, barefooted and tired he saw that escape was impossible and placing the barrel of his shotgun to his breast pushed the trigger with his big toe. His body was tied to a buggy and dragged to Abbeville and placed in the courthouse where it lay for several hours.

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VICTORIA MUST SOON BUY WATER BY GALLON

Startling Statement By Ald. Stewart-Elk Lake
Only Good For Two Years—Ratepayers
to Be Asked For \$1,500,000

"We might as well face the music. Elk Lake has not sufficient water to last us five years—the length of time which must elapse before water can be brought from Sooke Lake. We must purchase water by the gallon very shortly if we would take time to study the records. Elk Lake had never gone so low as this year. Of course the exceptional rainfall of a few weeks ago had relieved the situation somewhat."

Ald. Turner favored going further and asking for a sum of \$1,700,000. This would allow of a margin of capital so that a sum would be available for doing work at Elk Lake to increase the watershed. He was opposed to buying water by the gallon, and would be prepared to do anything else to avoid that. He agreed, however, that Elk Lake would be unable to supply the city for the next five years unless the quantity of water in the lake was increased. Sooke Lake was where the city would have to go eventually.

Ald. McKeown was in favor of going to Sooke.

Ald. Raymond favored the motion,

but he believed that the supply at Elk Lake would be increased by getting more watershed. It only needed additional pumping to increase the supply from Elk Lake.

Ald. Stewart—it costs more to pump

than it would to buy by the gallon.

We paid out \$3,000 this year, and we only used the pumps a very brief period.

Ald. Mable—The people will vote

down the Sooke Lake by-law. They have no confidence in the City Council.

Ald. Henderson said that if Elk Lake

could not supply the city for the next

five years that would mean that Victoria was growing so rapidly that the people could afford to buy water by the gallon when they were forced to do so.

Ald. Hall—No, not think the people had no confidence in the City Council, as was mentioned by some speakers. They had voted the sum of \$600,000 only a short time ago, and the money was asked by a board which was about to relinquish office. He was in favor of getting 60

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NAVAL MILITIA CORPS.

United States Government Makes Effort to Interest Washington in Proposal:

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—Another attempt is being made by the federal government to interest the state of Washington in establishing a naval militia corps. California and Oregon, as well as most of the states bordering on the Atlantic coast, maintain such organizations. The legislature must authorize the action. As the constitu-

tion does not grant the power, past efforts in this direction have been unsuccessful. There are many young men in Washington who would be glad to take up the work.

The remains of the late Carroll L. Livingston were forwarded this morning by the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company to Duncan for interment.

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INNER HARBOR AND NEW WHARF

(Continued from page 1.)

Mr. McArthur: "How is the Alaska Steamship Company going to get in to its property?"

Mr. McNicholl: "We feel we can't work on Mr. Sorby's plan. We want room for two steamers—one on the triangular run and one on the northern run. We have to berth 318 feet steamers, and we have 400 feet frontage."

Mr. Sorby: "The G. T. P. has considered the plans without considering the harbor."

Senator McDonald: "The best you can do is to go over the other side of the bay, between the C. P. R. and Laurel Point."

Mr. McNicholl: "We are not going to buy property there now we have spent a lot of money for the property we hold."

Mr. Vincent: "The Alaska company might get in, but it could not get out again."

Capt. Clarke: "To anyone who knows anything about navigation it is readily seen that the plan will interfere with the other people already doing business there."

Senator McDonald: "You had better go ahead and revise your plans."

Mr. Kirk: "I think the property owners will meet you in any reasonable way, but if you persist in your present plans they will object."

After talking the matter over from all views it was decided that the meeting should adjourn until after a meeting to be held between the G. T. P. and Alaska Steamship officials, to see what arrangements could be made for the convenience of both, and if this meeting is satisfactory it is probable that new plans will be arranged.

LODGE COMPLAINT.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The new car merger and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have protested to the customs department against the alleged violation by the big Canadian railway companies of the Act with respect to the importation of cars. It is alleged that cars allowed to enter Canada duty free in transit with international merchandise are not returned immediately, but are used in handling freight between Canadian points. The matter will be a subject of inquiry.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 21.—8 a.m.—The western high pressure area now central over the middle west states extends to the prairie provinces southeastward to Tennessee; heavy snow fell yesterday at Winnipeg and light snowfall has occurred at various scattered points, and heavy rainfall on the lower California coast, but the weather is chiefly fair and cold in most districts from the Pacific to the great lakes; temperatures are lower on the Pacific slope and a cold wave appears to be setting in east of the Rockies.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m., Wednesday:

Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, continued fair and cold.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, continued fair and cold.

Reports.

Victoria—Bar., 29.96; temp., 25 min.

28; wind, north 4 miles; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Bar., 30.02; temp., 22 min.; 22; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Bar., 30.20; temp., 20 min.

18; wind, southwest 4 miles; rain, 0.1;

weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Bar., 30.00; temp., 4 min.

4; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Tatsoos, Wash.—Bar., 29.92; temp., 38 min.; 28; wind, east 8 miles; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Bar., 30.14; temp., 14 min.

14; wind, southeast 8 miles; weather, cloudy.

Winnipeg—Bar., 30.24; temp., 14 min.

14; wind, north 18 miles; rain, .55;

weather, cloudy.

RESIGNATIONS ON THE TAPIS

SOME COMPLICATIONS AT ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Dr. Robertson Will Leave Position if Matron is Not Dismissed.

Some decidedly interesting developments in respect to the situation affecting the isolation hospital, arising out of the enquiry which has been in progress, are anticipated at a further meeting of the board of health to be held on Thursday evening next. A special meeting of the board was held last night prior to the regular meeting of the council, but as reporters were not admitted no report of the proceedings is available. It is learned, however, that the board is about equally divided on the question of acceding to the request of the medical health officer, Dr. Hermann Robertson, that the matron, Mrs. King, be dismissed; and the Times has been informed that as an outcome of the enquiry it is just possible that both the position of health officer and that of matron of the hospital may be declared vacant.

It will be recalled that a special meeting of the board was held on Monday evening of last week at the request of Dr. Robertson, and that the latter then asked for the dismissal of Mrs. King, who was present and made a statement. The enquiry was postponed until last evening, but no final action in the matter decided upon. Dr. Robertson's position in the matter is quite clear—he will resign if his recommendation that the matron be dismissed is not acted upon.

Some adverse criticism is directed against the council for holding the enquiry in secret, it being contended that anything affecting the management of so important an institution as the isolation hospital concerns the public very closely, and that all the facts should be known. A very large amount of interest is being taken in the matter. There were a number of people interested in the case waiting around the lobbies at the city hall last evening, and when the communications were being dealt with at the regular meeting of the council the city clerk was about to read a letter from T. B. Welch regarding the isolation hospital when he was stopped by the mayor, who said it had better be referred to the board of health.

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A second time the boat capsized, and three men—Able Seaman Olsen, Ordinary Seaman Broote, and Apprentice Mathison—were swept away and drowned. The other three succeeded in reaching the captain's boat, which was overweighted and was repeatedly swept by the waves.

The night was bitterly cold, the men were soaked to the skin, and the sea repeatedly swept the little boat. All night the weary sailors pulled at the oars, and when day broke they hoisted a coat on a stick to attract attention.

Several steamers were sighted, but too far off to notice them, but at length,

when off Cromer the Mitford Haven herring boat Chanticleer, which was herring fishing, noticed the signal and steamed down on them.

The men were then half dead, and had to be assisted on board the Chanticleer. When the steward was lifted up he completely collapsed, and though everything was done by the fishermen it was found impossible to restore animation.

The Chanticleer then steamed to Yarmouth, the rescued men being suppled with hot tea, and the cabin and forecastle being given up for their

IMMIGRATION TO CANADA INCREASES

Number of New Arrivals for Eight Months Totals
150,256.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 21—Immigration into Canada from the United States from April to November, inclusive, was 71,885, an increase of 68 per cent. compared with the same period last year. Immigration via ocean ports has been 78,268, an increase of six per cent. The total immigration was 150,256 compared with 116,582 for the corresponding eight months of last year, an increase of 29 per cent.

The Louisa Heartwell then drew away, searching for the missing boats as far as Palling, after which she returned to the wreck, when the two men were described hanging on to the mizzen rigging, where they had been for eight hours. They were almost exhausted when the lifeboat came up on the leeside, and they were able to drop into her. The lifeboat men revived them with brandy, covered them with coats, and, having a fair wind and tide, sailed to Yarmouth, a distance of twenty-eight miles, in four hours.

SPEND EIGHT HOURS IN BARQUE'S RIGGING

Shipwrecked Sailors Have Terrible Experience—At Sea in Open Boat.

Eleven survivors of the crew of fifteen of the Norwegian barque Alf, who were landed at Yarmouth recently, had a thrilling story of exposure and hardship to tell.

The Alf, a vessel of over 1,000 tons, laden with wood, struck on Halsborough Sands and, as she threatened to go to pieces, two boats were launched. Capt. Aberg took charge of one, and the ship's carpenter of the other.

The first and second mates were left behind owing to the rope parting and the boats not being able to again approach the wreck.

Organ Solo—Selected

Mr. Edward Parsons

Chorus—"Worthy is the Lamb". Handel

The Choir

Song—"Star of Bethlehem". Stephen Adams

Anthem—"Tho' Poor be the Chamberlain". Mr. J. H. Griffith

The Choir

Song—"Ring Out Wild Bells". Gounod

Mrs. Edward Parsons

Duet—"Excelsior". Balfie

Messrs. J. O. Dunford and J. H. Griffith

Interval</p

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THE WATER PROBLEM AGAIN.

Ald. Stewart says he believes the inevitable result of the dead-lock in the water problem for the city of Victoria will be that within a few years we shall be compelled to buy water by the gallon from the Esquimalt Water Works Company. The Times has been of that opinion for some time. It expressed it the day after the rejection by the ratepayers of the proposition for the acquirement by expropriation or purchase of the property of the peninsular water company. But Ald. Stewart is in favor of the purchase of water by the gallon, which the Times never has been, and is able to support his position by facts which are new to the public—that the cost of pumping water from Elk Lake, including the expense of lifting the water from the lake to the filter beds during the summer season, would exceed the cost of water it would be necessary to purchase from the water company.

Mayor Hall says that the lake has yet to rise three feet and a half before it shall attain its original level; and this notwithstanding the fact that the rainfall during the present season has been much greater than the normal and the precipitation has been of such a character as to cause a much larger quantity of water than usual to run into the lake.

These facts appear to us to accentuate two things: the exceedingly complicated nature of the Elk Lake system and the folly of postponing further the acquirement of a larger and better source of supply.

It appears to us the present city council would be wise to leave this matter to its successor. Mr. Oliver, who is a candidate for the mayoralty, has outlined a scheme which would at once relieve the heavy burden upon the ratepayers of going to Sooke Lake as a separate municipality and solve the water problem for all surrounding municipalities, which also have claims which cannot be ignored to a satisfactory water service. Whoever may be elected to fill the chair of chief magistrate of the city, that scheme cannot be ignored. It will be taken up, investigated and either accepted or rejected. The co-operation of the provincial government, it is true, is necessary to insure the success of the proposal, but we think such co-operation can be safely counted on, as it would involve no liability upon the treasury. The element of time is important, it is true, as the city is growing rapidly, and may outgrow the capacity of Elk Lake before any scheme can be carried out and put in operation. But a week or two cannot make a great deal of difference, and it is essential that the ground should be thoroughly cleared before another concrete proposition shall be placed before the ratepayers for endorsement. Leave the matter for the consideration of the council of 1910.

THE RESERVOIR MUDDLE.

We are not aware that anyone has charged the Mayor or the Aldermen with being aware of the fact that the Smith's Hill reservoir was being built in a faulty manner or that there were any public demands that the Mayor or the Aldermen should interfere with Engineer Adams during the term of that gentleman's superintendency of the work. On the contrary, we believe the public was agreed that Mr. Adams should have complete freedom and remain quite untrammeled during the period of construction.

The time for criticism came after the work was announced to be complete and experience proved that it did not fulfil the purpose for which it was designed. Even then we do not know that the public held the Mayor and the Aldermen directly responsible. But we think now that the fact is admitted that there are defects in the reservoir, whether these defects be fundamental or superficial, the responsibility for them ought to be established.

The public has nothing whatever to do with Engineer Adams. It has just as little to do with the persons, expert or inexpert, who carried out the work of construction under Mr. Adams. The council is the only authority to which it can look for an investigation and a report. The Mayor and the Aldermen represent the people in the transaction. As long as the council seemed inclined to take the side of the engineer and his staff and to maintain in spite of facts which were palpable to all who had eyes to see that there were no inherent defects in the reservoir, was it any wonder that all sorts of rumors were set in circulation in re-

gard to the manner in which the work had been executed?

Now that the facts are admitted, the ground has been cleared for action of some kind, we suppose. What that action will be is at present past finding out. The matter appears to be entirely in the hands of Engineer Adams, but he has passed from civic control. The council has no grip upon him. He has been paid in full for whatever services he may have performed. He has left behind him a work which is not to his credit as a professional man. Consideration of that fact may induce Mr. Adams to come back and give the council the benefit of his advice. That is the only bond the city holds as a guarantee that the engineer will undertake to make the reservoir fit for the work it was designed to do. And at that the process of mending may prove a very expensive affair for the people of Victoria.

If the gentlemen of the City Council made an effort to divorce themselves temporarily from their official positions and to survey the situation from the point of view of mere ratepayers, they would perhaps be inclined to admit that there are real grounds for dissatisfaction.

FISCAL TENDENCIES.

A member of the Taft cabinet made a very significant announcement a few days ago. Speaking at a public meeting in one of the cities of the East, he said that the work of tariff reform was not yet completed, that the Republican party had just commenced its work, that the Payne-Aldrich bill did not by any means represent the party's ultimate idea of tariff reduction, that the work must go on, but that it will be conducted in such a manner as to cause the minimum of disturbance to business. It is hardly likely that such declaration would be made without authority, and it is therefore only reasonable to assume that the Postmaster General expressed the opinion in his speech of the president and the entire cabinet.

The effect is bound to be pernicious in the end. There are legitimate and illegitimate ways of doing business, even business in real estate. The safe course is to stick to the sound and sure way. Victoria is growing and growing rapidly. No one interested in the future of the city should countenance anything that must in the end tend to militate against growth and prove injurious to business.

Vancouver is a progressive city and is growing rapidly. Yet the general consensus of opinion in Vancouver is that there is at present no necessity for the establishment of a board of control in the hope of promoting greater efficiency in the conduct of civic affairs. The newspapers and some of the leading citizens charge that the members of the council appear to be more concerned about making more complicated and expensive the machinery of municipal government than in oper-

Dingley Dell and enjoyed itself shooting and skating—that is, some of the members enjoyed themselves. Others made exhibitions of themselves. But millions of readers have enjoyed their discomfiture and exposure and the severe rebukes administered by their chief. The farmer of Dingley Dell was a most hospitable, jolly old gentleman, and gave his guests the "time of their lives," particularly in the evenings. Joe the Fat Boy was not the only person in those days who enjoyed the good things of life. Doubtless Dickens was inclined to be a trifle "bold" in his descriptions of the people of England and the life they lived in the good old days of long ago, but let us hope that, despite political unrest and the legitimate aspirations of the "common people," there are still a few Wardles left in the Old Land, and that the Christmas parties of this week will be quite as jolly and hearty as of yore.

The Times is opposed to all real estate booms of a purely artificial character. We cannot endorse the cry "Let her boom," regardless of consequences. The prices of real property in this city, and particularly of business property, have ruled low for some years, possibly lower than the circumstances warranted. Prices were bound to increase, and we are pleased to see that they are increasing in a measure consistent with property's potential earning capacity. But the system which has been adopted of late by our contemporary across the way of magnifying the prices at which certain properties have changed hands cannot be defended. The effect is bound to be pernicious in the end. There are legitimate and illegitimate ways of doing business, even business in real estate.

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As a useful and sensible gift and one that will be appreciated may we suggest a lovely waist length. At present we are showing a splendid assortment in our dress goods section. They are in French flannels and delaines, in plain and stripe effects; also spotted effects in every shade desired, and are priced unusually low at, each \$1.50

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ing the machinery under their control with care and economy. The charge is not new in connection with governments in this country. When men become clothed with a little temporary authority they seem to lose sight entirely of the point of view of the people who are compelled to meet the expenses of the government.

Germany appears to present a curious compound of autocracy and democracy verging on socialism. Elmer Roberts, an American journalist resident in Berlin, presents some astounding facts in the January Scribner in a paper on "Monarchical Socialism in

Germany." He shows how measures would be looked upon in America as the very extreme of radicalism are fully adopted into the law and custom of Germany. It is a striking summary of the obligations undertaken by the state for the citizens of the state.

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AERIAL LEAGUE.

The Women's Aerial League has resolved to invite British girls and boys to band themselves into a branch of the league. A great meeting will be held during the Christmas holidays, when the details of the scheme will be heard, and when Mr. Eric Bruce, late secretary of the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain, will give the girls and boys an illustrated lecture and will show them a number of interesting models and experiments. The league will assist in arranging lectures and

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H. F. Pullen has announced his intention of being a candidate for school trustee in the coming election in the Oak Bay municipality.

The voters of ward two did not turn out to the meeting of the ward branch of the Voters' League called for last night in North Ward school. As a consequence there was no meeting, but an effort will be made to have one next Tuesday evening.

Yesterday the building inspector issued building permits to P. Bryant for the erection of a dwelling at Hollywood Park, to cost \$1,300; to J. Parsons for an addition to his store on Yates street, to cost \$450, and to James Seineck for an addition to his house on Quadra street, to cost \$250.

The remains of the late John McAdoo Wark will be interred in Ross Bay cemetery to-morrow afternoon. The funeral will take place at 2.15 o'clock from the family residence, 309 Simcoe street, and at 2.30 o'clock from St. James' church. Rev. J. H. S. Sweet will officiate.

In view of the great increase of the coal output in the Cowichan district, it has been represented that there are not enough inspectors to properly look after the work. At yesterday's meeting of the cabinet it was decided to appoint two additional inspectors, and the choice fell on Evan Evans and John Strathen.

The children of the Salvation Army Sunday school will give an entertainment in the Broad street citadel on Thursday evening. Santa Claus will appear some time during the evening and presents presented to all who have attended the school during the year. J. S. Sergeant-Major McNeil and the staff of teachers invite the parents and friends.

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SCHOOL TRUSTEES

ASK FOR CHANGES

Government Promises Attention to Request.

The government yesterday received a deputation representing the British Columbia School Trustees' Association, and promised careful consideration to a request for attention to the following matters which were discussed at the recent convention in Chilliwack:

The question of lending assistance to night schools; the recognition of the status of the association; the medical inspection of schools; the fixing of an educational standard; the extension of manual training and domestic science to rural districts; that attention should be given to the equipment of school libraries, and the provision of national and patriotic songs.

The deputation was composed of President J. C. Robertson, Chilliwack; George Jay and Capt. McIntosh, Victoria; C. E. Hope and W. E. Flumerfelt, Vancouver; P. Peebles, New Westminster, and J. J. Dougan, secretary, Victoria.

SCHOOL CLOSING

Pupils of North Ward Give Concert in Aid of Piano Fund.

The pupils of the North Ward school to the number of four hundred and fifty, gathered in the hall of the school at 2 p.m. last week and gave a very interesting programme of songs, choruses, recitations, dialogues, etc.

Many parents and friends of the children were present and thoroughly enjoyed the efforts of the pupils.

After the completion of the programme, trustees Mrs. Franklin, McNeil, MacKintosh, Stanfield, and also Rev. T. W. Gladstone, addressed the pupils.

At 8 p.m. the same day a literary and musical entertainment was given by pupils and ex-pupils of the school. The assembly room was crowded, and everyone present enjoyed the excellent programme. A. B. McNeill acted as chairman.

The net proceeds to the amount of \$76 have been deposited in the bank to the credit of the piano fund.

The following programme was given:

The Youthful Orator, His First Speech, dialogue by Walter Hall, Wm. Hick and Calvin Foote; "Snow Flakes," soliloquy by little girls of Miss Chapman's class; recitation, "Boys' Rights," Archie McEachern; violin solo, Miss Bebe Forces; recitation, "That Boy," Alan Jones solo (vocal), Mrs. Jessie Longfield; drill drill, sixteen girls from Mrs. MacKenzie's and Miss Tingley's classes; "Trial of the Year."

"The Merchant of Venice" by senior pupils; vocal solo, Miss Louisa Black; "Christmas Carol," by 59 boys; piano solo, Miss Ethel Olson; recitation, "Long, Long Ago," by Cecil Donohue; "Christmas Fairies," a fancy drill by 21 girls; "Keeping School," a dialogue by a number of boys and girls; character song, by Mrs. Stedham; Christmas song, by 25 girls; "God Save the King."

—Professor Claudia has postponed the concert to be given on 26th inst. by his pupils until after the new year. The postponement is owing to inability to hold rehearsals during the Christmas season.

—Yesterday afternoon the regular monthly meeting of the mission board of the W.C.T.U. was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Wellwood. Favorable reports were received as to the work being carried on at the mission.

The usual dinner on Christmas Day to the men will be held and all donations for this will be thankfully received at the mission hall, Langley street, on or before that day. The next meeting of the board will be held on January 7th at the home of Mrs. Norman, 628 Hillside avenue, at 3 o'clock.

MOTORING DISTANCES

The following shows the distances from Victoria of different points on Vancouver Island:

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ISLAND LEAGUE GAME CHRISTMAS MORNING

Foresters and Victoria West Teams Meet at Oak Bay.

The Christmas Day soccer game will be played before dinner at Oak Bay park. Realizing the difficulty of playing the game after a Christmas dinner, the A. O. F. and Victoria West teams have decided to get out in the morning and the game has now been officially announced for 10:15 at Oak Bay. The match is the Island League fixture and the first game between the teams in this league.

The Victoria West line-up will probably be the same as that which played at Ladysmith last Saturday with the exception that McKittrick will replace Tait on the forward-line while the team that took the field against Nanaimo at the Canteen ground will represent the Foresters, including Sam Lorimer, Gowen, Malcolm, Telford and Clegg. From the results of last Saturday's Island League matches the Christmas morning game should be a close contest and Victoria West will have the hardest team to fight it has been against this season.

ELEVEN IN EMPRESS RACE CHRISTMAS DAY

Two-mile Handicap for the Hotel Sprinters This Afternoon.

Eleven are entered in the Empress five-mile road race to be run Saturday morning. Christmas Day over the course from the hotel to outer wharf and up the Dallas road to Beacon Hill park round the mile track and then back to the hotel.

Those entered are: C. Brown, V. W. A.; E. M. Case, J. B. A.; C. Thomas, J. B. A.; E. Coates, N. W. A.; E. Coleman, V. W. A.; W. Kersey, E. A. C.; C. Carroll, E. A. C.; E. Tribe, E. A. C.; Ira Bletham, Sidney, W. Linn, Fifth Regiment; T. Sheppard, unattached, 11 years old.

The Empress Club this afternoon is running a two-mile race for club members only at Beacon Hill park. It is a handicap race, Carroll and Kersey start from scratch and the rest having handicaps from 100 to 400 yards. The runners will go twice round the Beacon Hill park track.

VICTORIA WEST WINS SECOND GAME AT RINK

Bays Protest and Then Get Defeated by Wide Margin.

Victoria West won the third game in the basketball-league at the rink last night from James Bay by a score of 30 to 17, and that after the losing side had a lead at half time of 12 to 10.

Before the game started K. Hughes, for the Bays, handed Secretary Christopher of the league, a written protest against playing against the Victoria West team, as the team contained Okell and Bailey. The Wests read the protest and then went in and licked them.

The game was very even during the first half, and the Bays had a good lead at one time. Towards the end of the first period the Victoria West team livened up and reduced the lead a little, ending the half with the Bays three points to the good.

With the opening of the second half the Bays seemed to have lost their speed, and Victoria West to have found theirs, for the game was entirely in the hands of the latter, which added 21 to 5 for the second half, romping all round the protestors and securing the second win for the season. The team which won last night were:

Victoria West—Okell, Brown, Corkie, Jenkins and Bailey.

J. B. A. A.—Hughes, Russell, Todd, McDougall and Peden.

The league standing is:

	W. L. Pts.
Victoria West	2 0 4
North Ward	1 0 2
Y. M. C. A.	0 1 1
J. B. A. A.	0 2 0

HOCKEY.

CUP IS PRESENTED.

On view in the window of Hinton & Co., Government street, is the cup presented by W. H. Wilkerson, the jeweler, to the Ladies' Hockey Club League. The cup will become the property of the club winning it two years.

While a case was being heard at the Clerkwell, London, police court counsel referred to an act of George III. "Am I going to be tried under an act hundreds of years old?" the prisoner demanded indignantly. "I have heard you can't be hanged for theft under these old acts, and I don't want that." The magistrate mentioned that there was a later act, passed seventy years ago. "Is that the very latest?" the prisoner inquired. "I want to be tried up-to-date."

Douglas St. Concert To-Night

Everybody will flock in bunches to-night to Douglas street, where goods of reasonable prices are in evidence. Come one, come all. Douglas street is the place. See some of the sensible Xmas offerings at the

VICTORIA SPORTING GOODS CO.
1307 Douglas Street, at Yates.

C. V. MCNELL. "Nifty Sporting Goods." JOHN P. SWEENEY.

Strong Help for Weak Kidneys

"Fruit-a-tives" is the Best Kidney Medicine in the World.

If people only realized the danger of Weak Kidneys, and the value of "Fruit-a-tives," there would be practically no Kidney Diseases in Canada.

When the kidneys become congested (too full of blood) or strained from overwork, they can quickly be made well and strong again by taking a box or two of "Fruit-a-tives."

Pain in the back, frequent headaches, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, coated tongue, constant desire to urinate—these are the common symptoms of congestion of the kidneys.

The only possible way to relieve this congestion is to force the bowel and skin to rid the system of more waste matter and thus allow the inflamed kidneys to rest and grow strong again.

"Fruit-a-tives," being fruit juices, intensified, soothes and stimulates the kidneys, and at the same time rouses the bowels and skin to healthy action.

"Fruit-a-tives," by their prompt action on the bowels and skin, almost instantly relieves the intense pain in back and promptly takes away every trace of Kidney Disease.

If you are suffering with your kidneys begin at once to take "Fruit-a-tives" and you will quickly realize the value of these tablets.

At dealers—50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50 or trial size, 25c. — or from Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF STEAMER PROTEUSLAUS

New Blue Funnel Liner to Be Here Next Spring.

Dodwell & Co., Pacific coast agents for the Blue Funnel line, has been advised that the new steamer Proteuslaus, built for the Liverpool-Puget Sound trade, will leave the former port for this side February 5th. She will arrive on Puget Sound about the middle of April. The Proteuslaus is a twin screw vessel. She was built for A. Holt & Co. by R. & W. Hawthorne, Leslie & Co., Ltd., and was recently launched at Hebburn-on-Tyne. The dimension are: Length, 301 ft.; breadth, 60 ft. 3 in.; depth, 42 ft. 6 in. She will have a d. w. capacity of about 580 emigrants and a number of first-class passengers. There will be 7 holds, and the cargo gear will consist of 26 hatches and 31 derricks, capable of lifting weights up to 50 tons. She has been designed for the general cargo trade to the Far East and Puget Sound. She has spacious holds, clear of obstructions, and suited to the stowage of bulky cargo, such as railway cars or boilers. There will be no masts, but four large pillars will be fitted, two forward and two aft, at the side of the vessel, which will serve the purpose of derrick posts. The two forward pillars will be joined by a bridge about 75 ft. above water, which will be useful as a lookout. Electric light is fitted throughout. Her machinery, which is being constructed by the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Ltd., at Wallsend, will consist of two sets of triple-expansion engines with cylinders 22 3/8", 65 by 48 in. stroke, steam being supplied by three boilers working at 190 lbs. pressure.

The Proteuslaus will be a valuable addition to an already splendid fleet. The company for some time has operated the Belterphon, Teucer, Titan, Antiochus, Cyclops, Santa, Ningchow and Kueemun on this route. With the addition of the Proteuslaus it will be possible to withdraw the older steamers for overhauling and repairing. In the past the regular liners have usually had less than a month at home and that they have been kept in such perfect condition under the circumstances speaks well for their efficiency.

With the opening of the second half the Bays seemed to have lost their speed, and Victoria West to have

found theirs, for the game was entirely in the hands of the latter, which added 21 to 5 for the second half, romping all

round the protestors and securing the

second win for the season. The team

which won last night were:

Victoria West—Okell, Brown, Corkie,

Jenkins and Bailey.

J. B. A. A.—Hughes, Russell, Todd,

McDougall and Peden.

The league standing is:

	W. L. Pts.
Victoria West	2 0 4
North Ward	1 0 2
Y. M. C. A.	0 1 1
J. B. A. A.	0 2 0

The first person gets it.

Terms.

KITCHENER WITNESSES

REVIEW IN JAPAN

Field Marshal Watches March Past of Thirty Thousand Troops.

A Tokio correspondent writing on Lord Kitchener's visit to Japan, says:

Field-Marshal Lord Kitchener is the guest of the Emperor and the lion of the hour in Japan. He has disappointed none, for in the Japanese eyes as in the eyes of his compatriots resident here, he is every inch a soldier. The morning following his arrival in Japan—the birthday of the Emperor—dawned and remained as brilliant a day as the chrysanthemum season of this country has ever afforded. Lord Kitchener came in khaki, and was seen in uniform until upon the parade-ground at Aoyama, in a dazzling sun-shine, before 30,000 troops assembled and under the eyes of hundreds of thousands of people, including the representatives of every nation, he rode at the head of a brilliant staff, and behind the Emperor himself. The plumes of the field-marshal's helmet waved high above all others, and the eye that has swept so many fields saw with appreciation the orderly review of Japanese infantry, artillery, and cavalry, each man of whom seemed to hold himself the better because Kitchener was at the saluting-point.

Never has there been such a grand birthday review in Tokio. At the close of the war there were more troops and more enthusiasm, but there was not the same evidence of training and discipline. To those who have seen the grand reviews before there was an improvement so marked as to be almost astounding. The infantry march-past, even with the disadvantage of the awkward semi-goose step, was excellent, but perfection almost was reached as the artillery thundered past with their 140 guns. The cavalry, too; the horses and the horsemanship of Japanese cavalrymen have not been admired, and both are still open to great improvement, but each year marks a change for the better.

During the review the Emperor sat in an open carriage, and immediately behind him were Lord Kitchener and his staff. A marquee, cut in two sections, and draped with the war flags of Japan and carpeted in red, was set apart for the Emperor and the Princess, among whom was Prince Kuni, recently returned from America and Europe. As soon as the Emperor arrived upon the field, amid the roll of drums and calls from a thousand bugles, he entered the throne-tent, and as he did so from the massed bands all round the huge parade-ground there rolled the sonorous notes of the majestic national anthem of Japan. Lord Kitchener was the first to be presented, Sir Claude Macdonald, the British ambassador, who wore the uniform of his cavalry regiment, conducting him to the Emperor. His Majesty graciously greeted the distinguished visitor, and shook hands, while cordially expressing in a few words his pleasure at seeing him present on this occasion.

The review over, Lord Kitchener left, and was presented to the Princes in similar manner; afterwards to the chiefs of mission and their staffs, the presentation being made by Viscount Teranuchi, the minister for war. Then followed the presentation of the ambassadors and ministers to the Emperor, to whom they offered their congratulations on his birthday.

Beyond the royal tent and that erected for the diplomatic body were stretched lines of other tents, with chairs for the reception of distinguished guests and prominent people. Immediately after the presentation, and when the review began, there was a common mingling of the occupiers of all tents, except those reserved for the Princes and the Emperor, and in the bright sun the red coat of England, the pearl grey of India, the blue of the United States, and the colors of Germany, Russia, France, Austria, in fact of every country of the civilized world with a representative in Japan, made a wonderful picture in combination with the pretty dresses of the lady guests.

The entire ceremony occupied two hours from beginning to end, and then the assembly dispersed after the Emperor had driven in front of the tenth reserved for diplomats and guests, continuously acknowledging the bowed heads of the men and the bows from the women. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum had gone to his carriage, taking the same route as the Emperor, and was observed of all observers, saluted by the officers and by nearly every man in the vast assembly.

He, too, saluted and smiled pleasantly as he passed along the front and occasionally spoke to General Viscount Teranuchi, who rode beside him.

And so the first part of the celebration of the Emperor's birthday was over. It was followed by a formal luncheon in a Japanese given by the Emperor to the chiefs of mission and highest officials. At this Lord Kitchener was present in his capacity of special representative of the King of England. In the same capacity he was presented at a magnificent dinner that night given by the foreign minister as the representative of the Emperor.

China's postal routes cover 88,000 miles

and there are 3,000 post offices as compared with 175 in 1891.

MAY DIE FROM WOUND.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—Antone Bartillo, an Italian laborer, who threatened the life of Florence Davis, a pretty ticket girl in a ten-cent theatre, is in the hospital to-day, and his life may pay the penalty. He was shot by an unknown pursuer.

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Diamond Rings, \$20 to	\$150
Diamond Studs, \$20 to	\$175
Signet Rings, \$4.00 to	\$15
Gold Watches, \$50 to	\$100
Gold Filled Watches, \$12 to	\$48
Silver Watches, \$5.00 to	\$40
Gold Filled Chains, \$2.00 to	\$10
Scarf Pins, \$1.00 to	\$75
Silver Hair Brushes, \$7.00 to	\$12
Toilet Sets, leather, \$7.00 to	\$25
Ebony Brushes, \$2.00 to	\$7.00
Ebony Clothes Brushes, \$1.50 to	\$2.75
Fountain Pens, \$2.00 to	\$25
Clocks, \$3.00 to	\$50
Bill Books, \$1.75 to	\$6.00
Wallets, \$2.00 to	\$7.00
Pipes, \$2.00 to	\$7.00
Cigarette Cases, \$2.50 to	\$10
Cigar Cases, \$2.50 to	\$14
Smokers' Sets, 50c to	\$7.00
Toilet Sets in cases, \$3.00 to	\$20
Bull Seal Lion Hand Valise, \$25 to	\$30



2,000 Folks After Wilkerson's Thimbles

Over two thousand ladies flocked into this up-to-date jewelry store on Saturday, and each one was presented with a solid silver English "Hall" marked thimble with the name of this enterprising firm engraved upon it. This presentation was absolutely free, a Christmas gift to this popular young jeweler's patrons. When the thimbles were all exhausted, names and addresses were written down by the store's clerks, so that each lady who did not receive one will shortly receive a silver thimble delivered to her place of abode.

WILKERSON'S THE GIFT STORE
915 Government St.

For Women

Diamond Brooches, \$50 to	\$500
Diamond Earrings, \$25 to	\$500
Diamond Rings, \$7.00 to	\$375
Earrings, \$1.25 to	\$150
Necklets, \$1.25 to	\$100
Watches, \$15 to	\$700
Gold Watch Chains, \$5 to	\$45
Silver Watch Chains, \$1.25 to	\$3
Pearl Brooches, \$3.00 to	\$50
Gold Brooches, \$5.00 to	\$75
Bracelet Watches, \$5.00 to	\$50
Gold Bracelets, \$5.00 to	\$175
Blouse Pins, \$1.50 to	\$15
Muff Chains, \$1.00 to	3.00
Hand Bags, \$1.75 to	\$28
Hair Combs, \$1.00 to	\$15
Silver Toilet Sets, \$15 to	\$65
Ebony Toilet Sets, \$2.75 to	\$15
Opera Glasses, \$4.00 to	\$25
Fans, \$1.25 to	\$10
Silver Photo Frames, 50c to \$18	
Clocks, \$2.50 to	\$50
Cut Glass Articles, 50c to	\$100
Silver Tea Service, \$12 to	\$75
Hand Bags, \$3.00 to	\$25
Toilet Sets in cases, \$3.00 to	\$20

ASQUITH REPLIES TO ALARMISTS

PREMIER SPEAKS ON NAVAL QUESTION

Navy, He Declares, Equal to
Any Emergency Which
May Arise.

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith to-day, speaking at Liverpool, said as regards the navy, let him say once for all, and he spoke with full deliberation after careful and prolonged inquiry, that the navy to-day was able to maintain not only this year, but for years before us, our supremacy on the sea, and should the necessity arise, which God forbid, to guarantee the integrity of our shores, the protection of our commerce and the inviolability of our empire.

Sir Robert Perks in a letter denounces the free church council and its claims to speak for Protestants and dissenters of the Kingdom. He points that the Wesleyan Methodists are standing aloof and distrustful.

Mr. Hawkins, secretary of the Eighty Club, speaking to-day, expressed every confidence that the liberals will be returned to power, but with a decreased majority. He predicts a majority of 100.

CITY MEMBERS MET BOARD OF TRADE

Canadian Northern Matters
Were Discussed With Evi-
dent Satisfaction.

The board of trade council met the city members this morning and discussed Canadian Northern plans and Victoria's share in them. Hon. Richard McBride was accompanied by H. B. Thomson and Fred Davey. H. F. W. Behnson is out of the city.

What took place was not made public, but judging from the faces of the members of the council after the meeting the conference had been a success.

factory one from Victoria's point of view.

A circular letter was read from the board of trade of Hamilton, Ont., regarding the promise in the speech from the throne at Ottawa of legislation to render the combines law more effective. The Ambitious City's board wants copies of the bill sent to all boards in Canada and also desires a permanent trade tribunal with power to sit in cases of alleged trade combines, composed of commercial men. This was referred to the committee on trade and commerce.

Manuel C. Tellez, Mexican consul at Vancouver, forwarded an invitation to Victoria business men to take advantage of the excursion on the Erna to gain a personal acquaintance with Mexico and its business possibilities.

EPIDEMIC OF CRIME IN VANCOUVER

Masked Hold-up Man Shoots
Victim in Foot—Another
Burglary.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—The epidemic of crime in Vancouver continues.

Early this morning Archibald Mitchell was held up at the corner of Keefer and Westminster avenues. Three masked armed men demanded his money at the point of guns. Mitchell parleyed a moment and then fled. One robber fired at him and wounded him in the foot but the shots attracted attention and the bandits fled.

Another burglary occurred last night at Campbell's gent's furnishings store. One thousand dollars worth of goods was taken.

The police say an organized gang of thugs is at work, taking advantage of the fog which continue every night.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

General Manager Says First Train Will Reach Coast in 1912.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—E. J. Chamberlin, the general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, says the first train on the new road will reach the Pacific coast Dec. 29. Practically the whole of their wedded life has been spent in Victoria, they having lived here since 1892. All their old friends are invited to visit them at their home, corner of Blanchard and Hillside avenues, on the 29th instant.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare will celebrate their golden wedding on Wednesday, Dec. 29. Practically the whole of their wedded life has been spent in Victoria, they having lived here since 1892. All their old friends are invited to visit them at their home, corner of Blanchard and Hillside avenues, on the 29th instant.

RINGING BELLS AND LIGHTS AT CORNERS

New System of Alarm for Ap- proach of Fire Brigade.

Fire Chief Davis has arranged for the installation of a new method of alarm for traffic when the fire brigade is out racing down the street to answer a fire alarm. An automatic signal will be installed at the beginning of the New Year at the corners of Douglas and Cormorant streets, Government and Cormorant streets, Broad and Yates streets, and Fort and Government streets, all of which are recognized by the department as being dangerous corners to traffic when the fire brigade is out.

The signal will consist of loud gongs which will ring automatically when the brigade leaves the Cormorant station, and clusters of red lights which will flash during the night time. The bells will ring or the lights will show for a period of five minutes from the time the alarm is rung in, after which the brigade will have passed all the points equipped with the new apparatus.

When the bells ring or the lights flash all traffic on these points must cease until the brigade has passed. The fire chief has been getting out a new department primer, containing a list of the numbers of all boxes with location and all the apparatus each box calls out. This will be ready for distribution next month.

E. & N. RAILWAY IS
NOW OPEN AGAIN

All Trains to Run Regularly,
Commencing To-morrow
Morning.

Once again is the E. & N. railway open for all regular traffic. The ordinary schedule for running trains will be resumed to-morrow morning and freight will now be handled as usual.

This was the cheering information conveyed to the Times this afternoon by H. E. Bessley, superintendent of the railway, and it will prove an excellent piece of news for the traveling public and merchants who have been put to an inconvenience through

the inability of the road to handle freight for the past week.

Mr. Beasley says that the train, up-bound, which left at 11 a.m., got over the break at Sitka all right, the temporary track serving the purpose well, and a couple of hours afterward the last pile had been driven in the new permanent structure. A freight train is expected to reach Victoria this evening with big consignments of Christmas goods.

The court reserved judgment.

FATAL FIRE IN WINNIPEG.

One Man Loses His Life—Man and Woman Fatally Injured.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—John Alcock, car checker, was burned to death, and Geo. Baxter and Hilda Brown were fatally injured in a fire in the Hotel Metropole late to-day.

Employees and guests of the hotel were compelled to jump from the second and third story windows of the building. Several persons received minor injuries. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Friday being Christmas eve, the regular weekly meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee will this week be held on Thursday evening. The special meeting of the board of health will be held at 7:30 on the same evening.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BEAUTIFUL BUNGALOW, new, modern, extremely well situated on Queen's Avenue, \$3,250 on very easy terms. Island Investment Company, Bank of Montreal Chambers.

8 PER CENT. INTEREST, if you're not a hog, ought to be good enough to buy a house, and advancement more rapidly than that in any other part of the city. That's the actual return in rents from a lot in rear of the Empress hotel, near Humboldt, at \$3,000. You can buy it in 1 and 2 years. Island Investment Company, Bank of Montreal Chambers.

R. T. Elliott, K.C., for the defendants, contented himself with setting out the broad principles of law on which he so relied and citing half a dozen cases. The utmost good faith was due between members of a company or a congregation, he argued, and every act must be tried by the highest canons of honor. On the point of agency he quoted decisions laying down that one could be agent for others without express authorization or appointment.

J. A. Alkman contended that plaintiff as a member of First Baptist church was the same as a company shareholder and therefore not in any position of trust. He had a perfect right to take a commission on the sale of the property. In no sense could he be considered as an agent of the congregation. In fact he had taken an option on the property personally in order to hold it until he had time to bring it before the congregation.

Judge Lampman pointed out that the receipts for the first payment of \$500 were made out, \$25 to Middleton and \$475 to J. L. Beckwith. It was plain that plaintiff as agent for the congregation.

"No man must be in a position where interest and duty conflict," said His Honor. "A congregation may be looked upon as a group of fellow-adventurers and there must be good faith among them. It is no reason that be-

cause any one of them is not a paid employee or trustee for the company that he can do up the men, who sit next to him at a church meeting."

Mr. Alkman went into the facts briefly and maintained that His Honor must find "absolute, deliberate, cold-blooded perjury" on one side or the other.

The court reserved judgment.

TO LET—Furnished house, Esquimalt road, near greenhouse. Apply Mrs. Hunt, on premises.

EXCHANGE your book after reading, at 718 Fort St. Hundreds of new books.

GENT'S CYCLE—In good condition, with coaster brake and cushion frame, for \$16, at 742 Fort street.

TOOL GRINDING AND SAW FILING, gumming, etc. H. M. Wilson, 614 Cormorant street.

FATAL FIRE IN WINNIPEG.

JUST ARRIVED—Suitable for presents, English Parasol Handles. Waites Bros. 611 Fort street.

THE CHEAPEST YET—Good level building lot, Craigflower road, just outside city limits. No city taxes to pay. Esquimalt water. Assessed \$500; will sell \$350. Box 556.

A SNAP—New 6 roomed house, cement foundation, piped for furnace, buried, two toilets and all modern improvements, on large lot. Will take \$3,000 before Christmas. Terms. Apply owner, P. O. Drawer 672.

WANTED—At once, a man in each locality to buy furs, hides and pelts. Capital furnished. Address Jas. J. Phelps, 120 Yesterway, Seaton, Wash.

A MALE STENOGRAFHER who can read his notes and keep his fingers ready on a Remington machine, will find a good job at Canadian Pacific Oil Co., B. C., Ltd., 638 View St.

LOT FOR SALE CHEAP—\$125, on easy terms, buys a corner lot on Denman street, 5 minutes walk from the beach line; adjoining lots sold for \$500 each. Apply owner, 114 North Park street, or telephone 1832.

FOR SALE—A range, almost new; a bargain. 357 Fort St.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—Fifty items and pictures, just commenced to lay; also one incubator in good shape. Apply to 2541 Fernwood Road, or phone 1302.

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FIRST CLASS HOME or investment bargain—Dundee street, 6 room house, new, basement, piped for furnace, chimney, etc. Terms to suit purchaser. Mitchell & Greenwood, 575 Yates street.

HOUSEKEEPING AND BEDROOMS—633 Humboldt St., opp. Empress hotel.

WANTED—Two boys to learn boilermaking and two boys to learn iron and brass moulding. Apply Victoria Machinery Depot Co., Ltd.

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Sir F. Borden, R. F. Borden and Henri Bourassa speak at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia and Defence; R. L. Borden, Conservative leader, and Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist leader, were among the speakers at the annual banquet of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association last night, and some interesting references were made to the question of Imperial defence.

Sir Frederick Borden declared that the time had come when Canada, as a self-respecting nation, should demand upon itself and not altogether depend on the mother country.

R. L. Borden, while agreeing that Canada should do its duty in this respect, declared that whatever form Canada's contribution took, the work should be carried out so that when the emergency came the Canadian forces would be ready to act before the crisis was over.

Henri Bourassa made a characteristic speech, declaring that the question should be regarded from a Canadian standpoint. He declared that they should pause before adopting any new principles to the constitution of the Empire in the line of military or naval defence, so that they might thoroughly realize their consequences.

Mr. Bourassa declared amid applause that the French-Canadians would look at the question from the same point of view as their Anglo-Saxon fellow-citizens, and would be guided by the principles that had led them to hold Canada for the Empire against Anglo-Saxon rebels to the south of the border. But if Canada was to take part in the wars of the Empire it was necessary that she should have some voice not only in the settlement of such wars, but in the making of them. All the problems thus presented, he contended, must be viewed from the true spirit of Canadianism, and the voice of the people should be heard before parliament settled the question.

ABODE IN A SHOP.

In a shop situated in the main street of Leicester a robin has for seven weeks past taken up its abode. It roosts in a fancy basket hanging from the ceiling, and at times it will settle on the counter and feed from the hands of the shop assistants.

RESTORER GETS ENDS
OF BROKEN CABLERepairs to Line Not Yet Com-
pleted—Serious Incon-
venience.

Yesterday the cable steamer Restorer, Capt. Combe, succeeded in securing the ends of the broken cable of the B. C. Telephone Company, between this city and San Juan Island, but up to the time of going to press the repairs had not been completed. The break has caused a good deal of disturbance to business in the city, and the Times has been seriously inconvenienced in getting news from outside, as one of the cores in the cable has been used exclusively by this paper for some time.

The cable has four cores. One of these is used for news in connection with their news service which is received from the United Press Association; another is used by the B. C. Telephone Company for its mainland connection; a third is leased to F. Stevenson & Co. for the stock quotations, and the other the Western Union Telegraph Co. use. The floor of the straits is very uneven where this cable is laid, and consequently the cable is more likely to be cut. On the other hand it is the most direct route to the mainland.

The break occurred about four miles off Telegraph Bay.

YOUTHS STEAL SOME
CHRISTMAS POULTRYStore Looted, But Constable
Fry Rescues the
Plunder.

A representative of P. Burns & Co. called at the police station this morning to complain that the store had been broken into last night, and two turkeys and three ducks stolen. He was surprised to see that the dead birds had arrived at the station before him, and that two youths were in the cells waiting the appearance of the magistrate to hear charges of theft that had been recorded against them.

Constable Fry while on duty early this morning saw a lad with his hands full of poultry running for a car in the vicinity of P. Burns & Co.'s store. He directed the young man's course towards the city hall, and discovered that the turkey could be obtained by going to a certain house. Constable Fry found the second turkey on the veranda of a house, and brought it back to the police station with another youth. These youths were charged in the police court this morning, but one being under sixteen years of age the case was remanded until tomorrow, so the boys' parents can be present in court.

VIEW BODY OF KING.

Large crowds flock to Royal Palace
in Brussels.

Brussels, Dec. 21.—Arrangements for the funeral of the late King Leopold and the swearing in of the new sovereign are proceeding rapidly. An army of workmen has taken possession of the cathedral, which is being draped, and the arrangements are being made for Thursday, when Albert will triumphantly enter Brussels on horseback. Delegations are arriving from all the European countries.

A vast crowd yesterday viewed the body of the late King. Many of the people who came from the provinces were incensed that the gates were closed at 3 o'clock, and they tried to force an entrance. In the panic people were trampled on, garments were torn and women fainted. A number were injured. Finally the palace was reopened and the visitors were allowed to file past the catafalque.

Prince Albert's plan to reunite the exiled and separated family was fulfilled yesterday. As Baroness Vaughn passed out for ever from Belgian life, Princess Louise triumphantly entered the city, and was officially greeted at the station and acclaimed by the people. She was conducted with royal honors to the chateau Belvedere, which henceforth will be her official home.

PEARY TALKS.

Comments on Finding of Copenhagen Committee—Which Investigated Claims of Explorer Cook.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—When shown to-day's dispatch from Copenhagen regarding the rejection of Cook's claims, Commander Peary said:

"Three months ago from Labrador I sounded an explicitly and deliberately worded warning to the world, based upon complete, accurate information, regarding the claims of Dr. Cook. In doing so I accepted the responsibility devolving on me and fulfilled my duty to the world and to myself."

Bridgeman's Views.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 21.—"Well, I am glad the Danes have found rottenness in Denmark anyway." Thus Herbert L. Bridgeman, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, commented on the action of Copenhagen scientists in rejecting Cook's claims to the discovery of the north pole. Bridgeman declared that the former friendliness of the Danes for Dr. Cook precluded all possibility of being unfair in their decision.

TWO MAY DIE.

Over Score of Persons Sustain Injuries in Fires at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.—Two men were probably fatally burned and twenty persons overcome by smoke in two early morning fires to-day. At one of the fires two women and eight small children were carried unconscious down long ladders to the street.

FOR FESTIVAL
OF EMPIREGREAT PAGEANT IN
LONDON NEXT YEARAll the Colonies to Be Invited
to Send Representa-
tives.

The following letter and subjoined comment which appeared in a recent issue of the London Daily Telegraph is fully explanatory of the "Festival of Empire" which it is proposed to hold in England next summer:

Sir—The arrangements which have been in progress for upwards of a year are now completed, and the whole of the Crystal Palace and its extensive grounds of more than 200 acres have been taken over by the council of the Festival of Empire for the summer months of next year. I shall be deeply grateful for your assistance in bringing before the public the general scope of the festival.

It will be the occasion, in which we feel sure that every Briton will be keenly interested, of a social gathering in England of our fellow-subjects of the British Empire from the different dominions across the seas, and it is hoped that the result will be far-reaching in its effect, and of real value in increasing our mutual understanding and goodwill, and thus in more firmly welding the bonds of the Empire.

There will be an important educational side to the festival, with interesting representations of the various aspects of scenery, life, and industry in the different countries, and, as a central feature, produced with special regard to dignity and beauty, a cycle of pageants showing the history of London, the "heart" of the Empire. Already the Overseas Dominions have evinced keen interest in the project, and contingents from each of the countries under the Crown have been invited, the organization abroad being represented by their Excellencies the Viceroy of India and the Countess of Minto, their Excellencies the Governor-General of Canada and the Countess Grey, their Excellencies the Governor-General of Australia and the Countess of Dudley, His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand and the Lady Plunket, His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland and Lady Williams, His Excellency the High Commissioner of South Africa and the Countess of Selborne.

In conclusion, I may add that any profits which may accrue will be devoted to King Edward VII's Hospital Fund—Yours faithfully,

PLYMOUTH, Chairman of the council.

One idea seems to have dominated those responsible for the interesting scheme outlined in the above letter—the education of the masses to an appreciation of the real meaning of Empire. It has been felt that too little is known at home of our colonies, of their work, their life, their possibilities. Beyond an occasional exhibition of the products of a few of our dependencies nothing exists to show the people of this country the real life of those who have elected to emigrate. A true knowledge is essential to a proper understanding, and it is hoped that, with a correct insight into the lives of our brethren beyond the seas, a closer intimacy with them will be established, making not only for individual good-will, but tending to widen the scope of national aspiration, and adding to the sense of national responsibilities. Thus the scheme has already attracted a very large measure of influential support, and in the course of a few days other names will be asked, testifying to the interest with which it is regarded.

The numerous courts of the Crystal Palace are to be converted into inde-

pendent exhibitions of all the colonies. These are to be no mere collections of products, but are to be so arranged and so conducted as to give, as far as possible, local color in every case. For each colony is to endeavor to show not only its natural wealth, but its industries and what it has achieved for those who have elected to dwell therein. With this object, each Governor-General has acted as the head of the working committee entrusted with the carrying out of the details of the scheme. Two hundred residents will be chosen from each of our dependencies, and these will be brought over to take part in the cycle of pageants which are to be the main feature of the festival. The expenses will naturally be very heavy, but a guarantee fund of £50,000 against loss has already been promised. The Duke of Norfolk, Lord Avesbury, Lord Burnham, Lord Roberts, and Lord Strathcona have shown a keen interest in the undertaking, and it is hoped that official recognition will be forthcoming from each colony represented in the form of a financial grant.

The Crystal Palace has been hired for three months, and it is hoped the festival will begin on May 24th, 15,000 amateurs will take part in the pageant, which is to describe the history of London—the heart of the Empire—from its earliest days to the present time. The story will be told in three parts, the arrangements being entrusted to Mr. Frank Lascelles, who will in all probability follow on the lines he adopted on the occasion of the Quebec tercentenary pageant. Adjoining each section of the exhibition there will be a court where cinematographs will be requisitioned to display the manifold items of interest in the lives of the colonists. There will be portraits of Empire builders, founders, and colonial statesmen, whilst to increase the educational value of the festival, lectures by prominent men will be delivered regularly in the various sections, attendance at which is to be free. A notable feature of the undertaking is to be the moderate price of admission. The exact amount has not yet been fixed, but it is to be sufficiently low to be within the reach of all. That any profits which may result from the festival will go to King Edward's Hospital Fund will undoubtedly add to the pleasure with which a visit will be attended.

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GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC PLANS

VICTORIA TOO BIG FOR ONE LINE CITY

Manager Nicholson Says Company Contemplates Steamer on Triangular Run.

"Victoria is too big to be any longer a one-line town, and Vancouver Island is too big to be a one-line Island. The Grand Trunk intend to run their steamers out of Victoria, and they want the support of the people of Victoria. They believe that Victoria is now too big to be given the go-by and they do not want to do this. They are intending to run steamers up the coast from Victoria and they also are considering the advisability of putting steamers on the triangular run."

"We have already two steamers being built," continued the captain. "These are the Prince Rupert and the Prince George. We are also negotiating for a third steamer, the Bruno, a passenger and freight vessel now running out of Hull between England and the Netherlands. If the deal goes through she will be brought here at

once and will be ready for service in the spring."

Speaking further of their plans Captain Nicholson said that Victoria harbor was not very large, and up to this time it had been practically monopolized by one company. The people would, however, have to accustom themselves to being a little crowded. If there was not much room to-day, he asked, how would they manage when the business of the port increased five hundred times, as it was bound to do? There must be some little inconvenience felt as the waterfront became used, and it was useless to growl or try to say that people were not to come on that account. "The Grand Trunk people want to do business with Victoria," he said. "They want a dock here, for without that they cannot possibly come. It seems very small to let one company have the say as to whether or not they shall have it."

Capt. Nicholson has been on this coast only a few days. He came over to Victoria last night and after going south for a few days he expects to be back here again to meet E. J. Chamberlin, vice-president and general manager for the firm. All the officials who are at present here will then meet to confer on the company's policy. Then Capt. Nicholson says he hopes to stay long enough to get acquainted with the people with whom he has to do business.

Capt. Nicholson is an intensely practical man. He is full of energy, and has a good deal of personal magnetism. He is a self-made man, having worked his way up from the very lowest position in steamboating. For fifteen years he served as master on the great lakes, later becoming general passenger and freight agent for the Lake Ontario & Bay of Quinte Steamship Company, of Kingston, Ont. He later became American manager for the same company

at Rochester, resigning to take the position of general manager of the Muskoka Lakes Navigation & Hotel Company. In 1904 he became general manager of the Northern Navigation Co., which position he held until he was appointed to his present position as general manager of the G. T. P. steamship services.

FURTHER DEALS IN THE REALTY MARKET

Good Sized Transaction in Victoria West—Enquiries From Outsiders.

The local real estate situation continues to show a healthy activity and deals are now an everyday commonplace development. It is believed that with the passing of the holiday season and the advent of the many investors from the northwest that a still livelier tone will be imparted to the market.

Capt. J. W. Gidley reports the sale of a large block of land in Victoria West, which will be utilized as business premises. This property is nearly an acre in extent and lies between Russel street and the E. & N. railway tracks. The price involved in the transaction has not been made public. It is said that the property will be used for the erection of coal bunkers.

Messrs. Harman & Appleton report the sale of a 5-acre block on the Mount Tolmie road. This was acquired by outside investors, and there is an increasing number of inquiries from such sources. The same firm reports the sale of a choice Pandora street property, but they decline to give particulars. They say that the prospects are excellent for a big movement in real estate.

The piece of property on the corner of Gordon and Humboldt street, which belonged to the Badminton Club estate, which was reported sold in yesterday's Times, has been acquired by a syndicate of Union Club members, who have given the directors of the club an option for one year. At the expiration of that period a new club building may be erected on the site.

J. Leckie & Co., wholesale shoe merchants, of Vancouver, are said to have acquired a forty-foot frontage on Fort street, next to Assembly hall, for the purpose of erecting a branch factory and store in this city. This piece of property was sold about a week ago to C. Berkely for \$5,000, who resold it two days ago to T. D. Veitch, of the Royal bank. Mr. Veitch sold to E. S. Smith, and the latter to Leckie & Co. at a very great advance over the original figure.

Thomas G. Dundas and Mrs. Dundas, of Shawinigan Lake, are guests in the city.

The nucleus of the British museum collection was bought by the nation for \$100,000.

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PURE WOOL

WEST COAST INDIAN FREE ON HABEAS CORPUS

Irregularities in the Court Proceedings Are the Cause.

George Sye, a West Coast Indian, who is serving a sentence of three months in the provincial jail here, is to be released because of technical irregularities in the proceedings which took place.

Sye was tried at Clayoquot on November 24th, on a charge of stealing 174 feet of one-inch pipe and a one-inch valve from the Sutton Timber & Trading Co., of Mosquito Harbor, and pleaded guilty.

Some three weeks ago R. C. Lowe, acting for Sye, applied for a writ of habeas corpus, but was countered by the Crown. H. D. Helmcken, K.C., acting for the Attorney-General, got a writ of certiorari and the documents have arrived.

This morning, before Chief Justice Hunter, Mr. Helmcken said the prisoner had not been given the chance to elect how he would be tried, and there was nothing for it but to let him go, without costs of these proceedings, however.

Mr. Lowe cited the law on the point of costs and the chief justice held with him that the Crown must bear the costs.

DONEGAN CANNOT GET HIGHER COSTS

County Court Scale Will Have to Satisfy Him in His Suit.

J. A. Aikman, on behalf of James Donegan, who was awarded damages to the extent of \$234 against the city, applied to Judge Lamppan this morning for costs on a higher scale than the county court rules allow.

He contended that the case was one for higher fees than would follow a judgment for the amount given. If the case had been taken in the Supreme court the same sum would have carried costs on a scale higher than the highest county court scale. The case was one of importance to the public.

City Solicitor Mann did not see there was any public interest concerned in the case.

Mr. Aikman considered that the case had involved "a novel and difficult point," although it had not been argued, in regard to the city's right to exact any pound penalty under the boulevard by-law.

His Honor, however, held that there was no reason for higher fees being allowed.

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Plan of roads and specifications may be seen at the office of L. W. Eick, 1114 Broad Street. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Day After Christmas.

Most of the men have been signed on
the sealing schooner Pescawha, and the
present plans are to leave port the day
after Christmas Day. It is probable
that the schooners will go far south
as Southern California, or even the
coast of Mexico.



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LARGE VESSELS DOCK
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Chemical Company's Wharf
Proves Ready of Ap-
proach.

The steamer Bessie Dollar, unloading
at the docks of the chemical company,
expects to leave this afternoon. She
has sulphur for the chemical works at
Barnett and the powder works at Na-
naimo.

The successful docking at the Inner
Harbor wharf of the chemical company
here has been the subject of most fav-
orable comments as to the suitability of
that part of Victoria harbor to handle
deep sea shipping as well as the coast-
ing trade.

The Bessie Dollar found no difficulty
in entering that part of the harbor.
After coming up to the new dock of
the chemical company, it was decided
to reverse the steamer and point her
bow outwards. With abundance of
water off the dock the vessel was
swung round under her own steam un-
der Pilot Cox. In this connection the
report that two other pilots were
aboard at the time she entered, is con-
tradicted. The vessel was brought in
with ease in the usual way.

LAST VOYAGE.

Another Windjammer to Be Converted
Into Barge for Atlantic Trade.

The last voyage of an old-time Ameri-
can square-rigger was completed at New
York a few days ago, when the ship Jo-
seph B. Thomas arrived from Tacoma.
She is soon to be converted into a coal
barge. Appropriately she brought ma-
terial for possible successors, her cargo
consisting of ships' spars, square tim-
ber and planking from the Pacific Coast,
forests. The seas were not kind to the
Thomas on her farewell trip. They de-
prived her of her figurehead in a heavy
gale which she encountered after passing
Hatteras. She was built at Thomaston,
Me., in 1881.

Sawing out sections of the skull in order
to give the brain room to develop sym-
metrically seems a rather delicate and
dangerous operation, but it is one that has
on several occasions been performed with
perfect success.

Salmon Pack ON THE COAST

REPORTS COVERING
WATERS OF PACIFIC

Estimate Made by Those Qual-
ified to Judge of Total
Cases Put Up.

A dispatch from Vancouver says the
total salmon pack of British Columbia
for the year was 967,200 cases, accord-
ing to official figures made up to day.
The total sockeye pack was 840,441.

Fraser river 542,248

Skeena 87,901

Fraser Inlet 89,021

Nas river 28,246

Outlying districts 127,974

C. H. Buschmann, general superin-
tendent of the Northwestern Fisheries
Company, Seattle, Wash., reports the
1909 pack of the company's eight can-
neries in Alaska in cases of forty-eight
pounds, to the case, as follows: Reds
265,324; Kings, 4,888; medium reds 2,298;
pinks 94,967; chums 6,572. Total 811,179

cases.

The 1909 pack of the Sehome Can-
nery was 28,200 cases.

The Pacific American Fisheries, Bal-
ligham, Wash., reports the 1909 pack
of its cannery at Excursion Inlet, Al-
aska, in cases of 48 lbs. to the case:
Sockeyes 38,600; cohoes 750; pinks 9,500;
chums 6,800. Total 55,950 cases all in
1-lb. tins.

The Columbia River Packers' Asso-
ciation, Astoria, Oregon, reports 1909
pack of its cannery at Nushagak
River, Alaska, as follows in cases of 48 lbs.
to the case: Kings 4,475; reds 37,651; me-
dium reds 459; pinks 6,113. Total 48,-
482 cases, all in 1-lb. tins.

George T. Myer & Co., Seattle,
Wash., reports the 1909 pack of their
cannery at Chatham, Alaska, as fol-
lows in cases of 48 lbs. to the case:
Reds 20,673; medium reds 1,206; pink
21,499; chums 21,283. Total 65,356 cases,
all in 1-lb. tins.

The Alaska Fish Packing Company,
Astoria, Oregon, reports the 1909 pack
of its cannery at Bristol Bay, Alaska,
as follows in cases of 48 lbs. to the case:
Kings 4,838; reds 40,225; pinks
4,684. Total 49,547, all in 1-lb. tins.

The Alaska-Portland Packers' Asso-
ciation, Portland, Oregon, reports 1909
pack of its cannery at Nushagak
River, Alaska, as follows in cases of 48 lbs.
to the case: Kings 4,110; reds 45,284; me-
dium reds 1,224; pinks 5,789. Total
58,867 cases, all in 1-lb. tins.

The Shakan Salmon Company re-
ports the 1909 pack of its cannery at
Shakan, Alaska, at 25,474 cases.

The Columbia River Packers' Asso-
ciation, Astoria, Oregon, reports the
1909 pack of its four canneries on Co-
lumbia river as follows in cases of 48 lbs.
to the case: Chinook, 51,397; cohoes,
6,353; chums, 5,572; cohoes, 6,653; chums,
9,334. Total 75,756 cases.

The Union Fishermen's Co-operative
Packing Company, Astoria, Oregon, re-
ports the 1909 pack of its cannery at
Astoria as follows in cases of 48 lbs. to
the case: Chinook, 29,682; cohoes, 6,385;
chums, 2,590. Total, 38,557 cases. There
were also 350 barrels mild cured
chinooks, 210 cohoes.

George W. Sanborn, Astoria, Oregon,
agent Sanborn-Cutting Company's can-
nery at Astoria, reports the 1909 pack
as follows in cases of 48 lbs. to the case:
Chinook, 1-lb. talls, 700; 1-lb. flats, 6,600;
half flats, 9,500. Total, 17,100 cases.
There were also 350 barrels mild cured
chinooks.

Everding & Farrell, Portland, Ore-
gon, report the 1909 pack of the Pillar
Rock Packing Company, Pillar Rock,
Wash., as follows in cases of 48 lbs. to
the case: Chinook, 1-lb. talls, 700; 1-lb. flats,
2,200; half flats, 1,800. Total, 11,250

cases.

The Pacific American Fisheries, Bell-
lingham, Wash., reports the 1909 pack
of its two canneries—one at Anacortes,
Wash., and one at Bellingham, as fol-
lows in cases of 48 lbs. to the case:
Sockeyes, 238,200; humbacks, 53,000;
cohoes, 38,000; chums, 6,700. Total, 341,-
450 cases. There were also packed 3,000
salmons, 500 tins.

Puget Sound.

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salmons, 500 tins.

E. A. Sims, Port Townsend, Wash.,
reports the 1909 pack of Hillside Can-
nery, Port Townsend, as follows in
cases of 48 lbs. to the case: Sockeyes,
1-lb. talls, 1,000; 1-lb. flats, 10,672; half
flats, 3,384; cohoes, 1-lb. talls, 9,672; half
flats, 3,095; humbacks, 1-lb. talls,
10,031; chums, 1-lb. talls, 4,470. Total,
45,365 cases.

The Hoquiam Packing Company re-
ports the 1909 pack of its cannery at
Hoquiam, Wash., as follows in cases of
48 lbs. to the case: Total chinook, 5,900;
sockeyes, 1,625; cohoes, 3,600; hum-
backs, 2,100; chums, 5,000. Total, 21,725

cases.

George W. Sanborn, Astoria, Oregon,
reports the 1909 pack of the two follow-
ing cannery for which he is agent, as
follows, in cases of 48 lbs. to the case:

Wm. Kyle & Sons, Florence, Oregon,
1-lb. talls, 1,800; half flats, 4,000. Total,

5,800 cases. Prosper Canning Company,
Prosper, Oregon, Silverides, 1-lb. talls,
2,800; half flats, 3,500. Total, 6,300 cases.

A loaf of bread will keep much longer
if placed in a covered stone crock than in
a tin box.

The time used is Pacific Standard, for

120° Meridian west. It is counted

from 6 to 24 hours, from midnight to mid-
night. The figures for height serve to

distinguish high water from low.

The height is in feet and tenths of a

foot above the average level of the low-

est low water in each month of the year.

This level is half a foot lower than the

depth to which the soundings on the

Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are

reduced.

ARRANGING PATROL FOR WEST COAST TRAIL

Engineer Killeen Working Out
Plan to Use Newly Con-
structed Road.

Arrangements are being made to pa-
trol the new west coast trail so that
should a wreck occur aid may be of-
fered as quickly as possible. The trail
was built with the purpose of using it
for life saving purposes. The country
was very rough, and the construction
was carried on with the greatest diffi-
culty. Now that the part from Banfield
to Shelter Bight has been completed
it is to be utilized at once for the pur-
pose for which it was intended.

The boathouse for the life-saving
station is being located in Pachena Bay,
and there are fifteen men still work-
ing in the neighborhood who would
be available at any time should
their services be needed. Engineer
Killeen has the arrangements in hand.

Steamer Newington left this morn-
ing to attend to the buoys in the Gulf
of Georgia. She will visit the Gabriola
beacon, and the light at Point Grey.

FISHING TUG AFIRE.

Ice Impedes Escape of Burning Craft
From Hazardous Position.

The fishing tug Penelope of Cleveland
burned Sunday afternoon four miles off
shore at Loraine, Ohio. The crew of
three escaped after a battle with ice floes
which almost cost them their lives.

The boat, which belonged to A. H.
Langwell, of Cleveland, was bound for its
winter quarters at St. Clair, Mich. This
afternoon Capt. Charles Inches dis-
covered fire in the woodwork above
the engine room and in only a few mo-
ments his position and that of the en-
gineer and fireman became untenable.

While they were endeavoring to cast
loose the larger of the two yawls, the
yawl caught fire. The men were forced
to take refuge in the other, a smaller one.
The sides of the tug were in flames before they launched their little
craft. They had no time to don extra
clothing and as the day was one of the
coldest of the winter, the men's ears and
beards were crusted with ice before they
had gone a mile. Two miles off shore they
encountered shore ice too thin to bear their weight but thick
enough to impede the progress of the boat.
Through this they were com-
pelled to break their way.

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considerable number of pro-
fessors and have been gen-
erally admired; not only for
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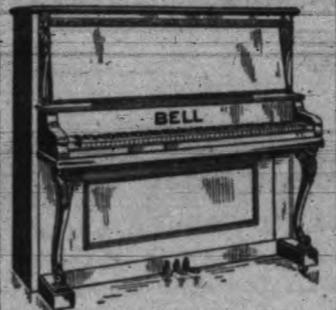
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A Piano Leader



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California Oil World

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FORTUNATE FOREIGNERS

TATE, Dec. 8.—The Canadian Pacific Oil Company of British Columbia, backed by some of the wealthiest men of Victoria and Vancouver, is getting ready to spot in on the northwest quarter of section 4-12-18, one mile east of the James' River crossing in section 6, and one half mile southeast of the great St. Lawrence well on section 7. This company has already \$75,000 worth of equipment on its lease, H. H. Blood, the well known successful operator of Stern River, has complete charge of the affairs of this company both in the matter of development and the purchasing of properties. It is very fortunate that those newcomers to the California oil-fields secured such a choice location to make their first tryout. They thus have assurance of finding good.

The company has also purchased outside forty acres of land in section 13-10-14, Langford, which they propose developing. This is proven land.

Mr. Blood is now negotiating to purchase a large tract in the West Side of the city.

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**GALLANT SOLDIER
REVISITS NATIVE CITY**
Lt.-Col. Carey Here to Spend
Christmas With His
Father.

A son of Victoria who has gained honor for himself and his native city in revisiting the capital in the person of Lieut.-Col. H. C. Carey, R. E., of Dublin, who will spend Christmas with his father, ex-Mayor Joseph W. Carey, 282 Douglas street. Lieut.-Col. Carey is accompanied by Mrs. Carey and Miss Nez Carey.

Lieut.-Colonel Carey has served as an officer of engineers on many stations since leaving Victoria. He went first to Chatham, and served at Sheerness and Aldershot. He came out first to Halifax after his work in England, and then to Bermuda, where he spent some years on the West Indies station before proceeding to the Hongkong station, where he remained for three years, returning to England in 1889, just prior to the Boxer outbreak. In which some members of his company were fortunate enough to serve. He served for seven years on the engineer staff at the war office, going from there to Dublin Castle, where he is in command of the Royal Engineers in the Dublin district, extending across the midland counties to Galway. Lieut.-Colonel Carey will return to Dublin from here.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

One of the most pleasing numbers that has appeared on a local vaudeville programme in months is at the Pantages this week, "The Barnstormer," a happy mixture of witty conversation, funny situations, good singing and dancing, is certainly an all-right creation. Moon and St. Claire present "The Barnstormer," which is the whole answer as to why the act is such a big success.

Misses Jenifer and George, the one a very talented violinist, the other a vocalist of extraordinary quality, appear as Spanish maids of the woods, and while there is no need of these young ladies seeking assistance from scenic surroundings or costumes, as their natural musical talent will carry them through on any bill, the effects mentioned are pleasing.

Fred Edwards, in Italian character, talking and singing, is different from most others attempting the Dago talk, in that Edwards is good.

Bartum, Gabrisi and company, with a comedy musical sketch; Arthur Elwell, in new and illustrated melody, and a very laughable series of moving pictures, complete a show that should attract everyone.

Ladies and gentlemen who are appreciative of the work of Local Option thus far and can assist financially to clear off \$400, are asked to send contributions to Dr. Spencér, Black block, Vancouver, or to Mr. Frampton, Mahon block, Victoria, B. C.

CABINET SAT TILL MIDNIGHT

MUCH BUSINESS FOR EXECUTIVE ACTION

Prince Rupert to Get Aid to
Introduce Light-
ing.

The provincial cabinet spent a strenuous day yesterday. It was practically the first meeting of the ministers since the elections and a great amount of business had accumulated.

Mr. Christensen, of the Holberg colony on Quatsino Sound, is in the city. Yesterday he had a conference with Secretary McCaffey of the Development League, to whom he delivered the material for the matter in the league's forthcoming book on the north end of the island.

The winter has been a very mild one for that portion of the Island, for although snow lay on the ground for a while it has now disappeared.

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The settlers are anxious to make an arrangement with the government to use this engine for land clearing when it is not in use by the government road boss, and he is strongly hopeful that this concession will be granted.

SETTLERS WANT USE OF GOVERNMENT ENGINE

West Coast Residents Will
Make Proposition in the
Matter.

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CHINAMAN'S WISH.

New Westminster, Dec. 20.—Probate order has been granted by Mr. Justice Morrison in connection with the will of the late Law A. Yan, formerly one of the richest Chinese merchants on the Canadian coast, who died in Hong Kong. Law A. Yan was the president of the firm of Ying Tai & Co., who carried on a large contracting and general merchant business in this city. He manifested a deep interest in the Chinese reform movement throughout Canada. Law A. Yan leaves his entire estate in this city, valued at \$5,000, to his brother, Law A. Yan.

It is understood that Prince Rupert will become an incorporated city at once, but that profiting by the experience in other places it will prefer to go along under the Municipal Clauses Act instead of seeking a special act. There is some possibility that the new city may adopt government by commission.

An appeal from the people of Hazelton for government aid towards constructing a dyke was considered and left in the hands of Hon. Mr. Cotton for investigation.

NICARAGUA'S NEW PRESIDENT

Dr. Madriz, Zelaya's Candidate for Office, Is Unanimous Choice of Congress.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 21.—Dr. Jose Madriz, former judge of the Central American court of justice, and Zelaya's candidate, was yesterday elected president of Nicaragua by the unanimous vote of congress. The session was a stormy one, but there seemed to be perfect unanimity with regard to the election of Madriz, and when the official announcement was made there were cheers and cries of "Viva Madriz," "Viva Leon," "Down with Monopolies," "Down with Tyranny," "Long Live the Constitution."

He was escorted to the balcony of his hotel, where he greeted great crowds which had gathered around the building and made a brief speech urging harmony and co-operation. He pledged himself to uphold the principle of equal opportunity for all.

The election of Dr. Madriz as chief executive had been expected, for influential delegations strongly in his favor have been pouring into Managua from the strongholds of the Zelayas, Chinandega and Granada, and they came with the avowed purpose of carrying the candidacy of their man to victory.

Zelaya still exercises a strong power here, and while it was brought to his notice that Madriz is not looked upon with favor by the government of the United States, he urged Madriz to the front as his successor in his office.

CHARGE AGAINST COOK.

Astronomer Alleged Explorer Faked Picture of Flag at North Pole.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—That Dr. Frederick A. Cook "faked" his picture of the flag he claimed to have planted at the North pole was the charge of Dr. John A. Brashier, an astronomer connected with the University of Pittsburg. Had the flag been planted at the Pole Brasher declared it would have cast a long shadow, as the sun at that time was at an elevation of eight degrees. Cook's picture, he charged, showed no shadow.

Other negroes and whites who were drawn into the fight continued the battle for nearly an hour. Six who were wounded were negroes.

ESTABLISHED RECORD.

British Seventh Submarine Flotilla Make Voyage From Portsmouth and Dundee.

London, Dec. 21.—A remarkable record for an open sea run by a submarine flotilla has just been achieved by the British seventh flotilla, in making a voyage from Portsmouth to Dundee, the new submarine base in the North Sea. Journeying via the Straits of Dover the flotilla, consisting of submarines C 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, ten vessels in all, reached Dundee in 56 hours constant steaming, despite the heavy waves and rough water. The distance covered was 512 miles, and the average speed was 8.5 knots, which is believed to be a record for long-distance running.

HARRY THAW'S APPEAL.

Supreme Court of United States Refuse to Review Case of Slayer of White.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The door of the Supreme Court of the United States, Portland, Dec. 21—Frank Smith, 16 Harry Kendall Thaw. At the same time the door of the asylum for the criminal insane at Matices was closed more tightly than ever before upon him.

Justice McKenna handed down a ruling in which the nation's highest tribunal refused to review his case.

This was the close of one of the most stubborn of all the efforts of the slaves of Stanford White to gain his freedom.

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Gift pieces of unusual worth are offered—by far the finest collection we have ever offered. We list but a few here, and we invite you to make a tour of inspection—you won't regret it. Time for gift buying is short—come in to-day.

SOUP TUREENS FROM \$8 CARD RECEIVERS FROM \$3

A Serviceable Piece of Silver for any lady who has a "day." And most of them have, so you'll be safe in sending one of these. The little pieces should appeal to your purse. Don't imagine because the price is small that style is lacking, \$8 to . . . \$3.00

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SANDWICH PLATES MAKE FERN POTS of more than ordinary worth, these. A fern in any sort of receptacle is attractive in the home, but put one in one of these and you have something that would grace any table or home. The best we have shown. Priced \$12 to . . . \$3.50

BUTTER DISHES FROM \$4

BERRY DISHES—Always useful. It is only necessary to call attention to usual style to get you interested in these. Come in to-day and let us show you our new ones. Prices range from \$10 to . . . \$4.00

SPECIAL VALUE—PAIR CUT GLASS SALTS, STERLING SPOONS, \$1.50

Here is an ideal little gift at a little price and a special value. A dainty pair of open salt cellars with two sterling silver spoons, all in lined case, for \$1.50.

We know of no better value in silver and cut glass—know of no other gift at the price that can excel it. Just a sample value from a splendid stock of gift things to be found in this store.

MARMALADE JARS AT \$3.50 SPECIAL SPOON TRAY NEWEST THING, \$4.50

MARMALADE JARS—Of course the marmalade will taste better from one of these handsome jars. Don't let the "original package" disfigure the table—send home one of these. Or send to any home. Priced from \$7.50 to \$3.50

TEA TRAYS FROM \$10 CRUMB SETS FROM \$4

TEA TRAYS—How about a Tea Tray for some home-keeper? Serviceable and stylish—a gift bound to be appreciated by any married woman. We have just received some splendid styles. Prices range from \$20 to \$10 to . . . \$4.00

CANDELABRA FROM \$12.50 CAKE BASKETS FROM \$4

CANDELABRA—We have never offered you a better assortment of these. For a woman who delights in an attractive "laid" table here is a gift suggestion of merit. Come and see these at from \$17.50 to . . . \$12.50

1847 Rogers Bros. Silverware For Gifts

If you would get the best values and the best choice in that famous 1847 Rogers Bros. Silverware, come to the headquarters for such lines. Our Silverware Department offers you a full range of this make, and there's an absence of "exclusive" prices. Look at the prices on the few lines listed here—you'll find them as low and in some cases lower than any quoted elsewhere in the city.

And remember, too, that these are the newest and best designs, and that this price includes a splendid silk-lined case—a dainty gift package. Come and choose the gift where price and choice is best.

Vintage Daffodil, Lotus, Avon, Vesta, Fauveil, Priscilla, Concord patterns shown.

GRavy LADLES—Many choice patterns, each in lined case at . . . \$1.50

BERRY SPOONS—Nine beautiful patterns from which to choose, at \$2.50 and \$2.00

SOUP LADLES—Choose from the very newest ideas, in lined case, at . . . \$4.00

SUGAR SPOON AND BUTTER KNIFE, the two pieces in lined case, at \$2 and \$1.75

JELLY KNIVES—Some very handsome creations, each in lined case, at . . . \$1.50

CASSEROLES AT \$5 TO \$15 SILVER TEA SETS, \$15

Here we offer you one of the best Christmas gifts of the season—to a homekeeper. Send one of these handsome and serviceable casseroles and you'll send something that is sure to be appreciated. Such pieces are decidedly popular just now, and these are the handsomest that the largest silver-makers in the world produce. An excellent choice, priced at . . . \$5 to \$15

We have just opened some of the finest examples we have ever shown in these, and we invite you to come in and inspect the wonderful showing. You'll see some in the Government street window and many more inside. To say that you'll like them is putting it mildly.

3-piece sets, \$4.50 to . . . \$15

4-piece sets, \$2.50 to . . . \$15

5-piece sets, \$4.00 to . . . \$25

Sterling Silver Gift Suggestions

STERLING SILVER WAS ever a popular line for holiday giving and the patterns are so attractive this season that we are selling more than ever before. We list here a few of our many offerings in sterling and the list discloses some admirable gift things.

Each piece is packed in an attractive package—all ready for mailing. You'll find these patterns low for such excellent pieces. Choose a gift from this list and it'll please.

STERLING SILVER MIRRORS, \$16, \$15, \$13, \$12

STERLING SILVER HAIR BRUSHES, \$18 and \$17.50

STERLING MOUNTED COMBS at . . . \$3.00

STERLING MOUNTED MUSTARD POTS, from \$2.00

STERLING MOUNTED SALTS AND PEPPERS, pair . . . \$1.50

SUGAR SHAKERS, cut glass, sterling silver mounted, at each . . . \$2.00

STERLING NAPKIN RINGS, grom . . . \$1.50

STERLING MOUNTED GLASS HAIRPIN HOLDERS . . . \$1.25

STERLING MOUNTED GLASS TOOTH BRUSH HOLDERS, at each \$2 and . . . \$1.50

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Box Ruchings	20¢
Lace Ties	35¢
Kid Gloves (Perrin's guar- anteed), per pair	\$1.50
\$1.25 and	\$1.00
Mufflers, white silk	\$1.00
Ladies' Companions, \$4.75 to	90¢
Real Ebony Brush and Comb Sets, \$4.00 and	\$3.50
Ebony Manicure Sets, \$3.50 to	\$85¢

FOR MEN

Umbrellas, \$5.00 to	\$1.00
Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, white	50¢
Colored Border Silk Hand- kerchiefs, 2 for	25¢
Silk Handkerchiefs, 20, or 3 for	50¢
President Suspenders in fancy boxes, special, per box	50¢
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CALIFORNIA OIL****H. H. Blood Tells of Marvellous
Industry and Fortunes it
is Making.**At last evening's meeting of the city
council a by-law granting a portion of
land at the rear of the Empress hotel
for theatre purposes was considered
and given its first reading. The prop-
erty is located at the northeast cor-
ner of Belleville and Douglas streets,
with a frontage on both streets of 200
feet.If the ratepayers approve of the by-
law a company which is to be formed
must covenant to commence work on
the theatre within three months of the
signing of the agreement and com-
plete it within twelve months, the
building to cost not less than \$100,000.
The building must be used as a the-
atre or opera house and the company
must stipulate that subject to prior en-
gagements the theatre may be used for
public assemblies whenever required
by the mayor; and the company must
submit to the council from time to time
the scale of charges for such use;
which charges shall in no case exceed
the cost of lighting, heating,
cleaning, caretaking and superintend-
ence for the time of use.The by-law also provides that should
the building be destroyed by fire and
not replaced by another of equal value
within a year the grant to the company
of the site shall become null and void.
The company to be formed will
be composed of a number of prominent
citizens and the theatre shall be known
as the People's Opera House.At the forthcoming elections also an-
other important by-law is to be submitted
to the ratepayers as to the sub-
mission of the expenditure of \$174,000
for school purposes. The secretary of the
school board wrote last night asking that
an extraordinary appropriation be
made. Of the amount stipulated \$150,
000 is asked for the purchase of a site
and the erection of a new high school
building; \$14,000 for four additional
rooms to the Victoria West school, and
\$16,000 for the erection of a frame
house at the corner of Bank street and
Leighton road, where a site was re-
cently purchased.Mayor Hall at last evening's meeting
gave a brief resume of the business
which had been transacted at the annual
meeting of the Union of Municipalities
last week, and as he had been absent
when the resignation of C. H. Topp,
the city engineer, had been received
he took occasion to say that he
regretted Mr. Topp's decision very much.
He did not believe that that official
had ever had a fair show, and he urged
the board before the expiration of their term to see that the by-law
was amended so that whoever succeeded
Mr. Topp would have charge of all
the officials in his department.A motion was passed appointing Assistant
Engineer Bryson acting city engineer
until such time as Mr. Topp's
successor was named.Walter Englehart was appointed to
the permanent staff in the water commis-
sioner's office.There are 7,514,481 voters in the United
Kingdom.H. H. BLOOD,
The Noted Oil Man.development from the day of 11-cent
oil till the present hour, where it is
selling on time contracts for 50 cents.
This, of course, is for the lower grade,
or crude oil, but a great deal of our
California oil brings 61 and 72 cents per
barrel at the well.Having studied the conditions of the
oil industry from its infancy, I am free
to say I regard the properties of the
Canadian Pacific Oil Co., of B. C., Limited,in California the equal if not
the peer of anything in the entire
state. In other words, I would not
trade their holdings for anything. I
know of in all the various fields. It is
indeed fortunate that this company
has struck so rich on its initial venture,
and the men behind the enterprise
are to be congratulated on their
wisdom in selecting such valuable
holdings. There is no more doubt that
this corporation will get oil than there
is that the mists and fog will lift before
the radiant rays of a morning sun.Mr. Blood will be in town several
days as the guest of Andrew Grey,
president of the Marine Iron Works,
and also vice-president of the Canadian
Pacific Oil Co., of B. C., Ltd.

HON. S. FISHER'S ADDRESS.

Speaks on Work on the International
Agricultural Institute.Montreal, Dec. 21.—Hon. Sydney
Fisher addressed the Canadian Club
yesterday afternoon on the work of the
international agricultural institute, of
which he was elected vice-president at
the recent meeting of the institute in
Italy.The minister of agriculture traced
the organization which was established
to carry on the work. It was decided,
he said, that the institute should be
one of governments, and not one of
peoples, as it was recognized that in
the past information on agricultural
subjects and others relating to the im-
portant matter of food supply of the
world had been given to people by a
press which in its turn was supplied
with information by interested parties,
and the news given had been manipu-
lated in the interests of stock jobbing
and the raising of all commodity prices
which was detrimental to the interests
of those who depended on reliable
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YEAR'S WORK OF HOME NURSING SOCIETY

Good-Accomplished by Organization—Officers Elected and Donations Made.

The Home Nursing Society at its annual meeting held last week elected the following officers: President, Mrs. G. H. Barnard; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Toller; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Fletch; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Harold Robertson; honorary members, Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Goepel, Miss Carr, Mrs. Pemberton; working members, Mesdames Beaven, Brooker, Berkely, Hurdle, Hay, Cameron, Jenkins, Todd, Wilson, Nicholles, Slater. Mrs. Barnard the president, in her annual report, stated: "During these ten years we have never had a year of such uninterrupted usefulness as the past, and our finances have never been in such good standing. In spite of the fact that we have taken care of twelve maternity cases (more than in any previous year), we have had very little extra help. Our nurse, Mrs. Herbert, whom we feared some years ago was not going to be strong enough to continue the work, seems to have grown stronger, notwithstanding the constant strain of the work and the tremendous demand upon her energy. When one considers the twelve maternity cases she has nursed; that her visits have averaged 100 a month, and that she has done this unaided without one day's illness, one is, I think, filled with amazement—and with thankfulness that we have such a worker in our city, and the Home Nursing Society can not sufficiently express its appreciation of her."

Mrs. Robertson, the secretary-treasurer, in her financial report, showed the following:

Receipts.	
Balance on hand, Nov. 30th, 1908	\$258.37
Subscriptions for the year	123.60
Donations	17.50
Collections—	
For Mrs. Wilson	86.25
For Mrs. Nicholles	30.25
For Mrs. Brooker	57.00
	\$1.227.97

Expenditure.	
Nurse's salary	\$600.00
Car fare	14.00
Extra help	38.00
Telephone	22.20
Chemist	2.40
Christmas gifts	28.00
Printing	7.50
Home Sewing Society	10.60
Washing	1.50
Balance in bank	491.77

Balance in savings bank account, Nov. 30th, 1909	\$262.25
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Young Lee Roy and Mrs. Watson shrank back when they had been doing the laundry for Mr. Campbell all day. Mr. Campbell raised his hand, but it was in signal to the orchestra, which at once struck up the familiar chords of the wedding march from "Lehengrin." In his determination to "be a good fellow and take his medicine like a man" as Mr. Campbell expressed it, the father-in-law had also invited thirty of Dr. Watson's classmates to join the young couple at supper.

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The Standard of Empire (London), in its issue of December 2nd, had the following:

Without reference to politics of any kind, most good Imperialists stand for the principle of preference as being one calculated to make for the progress of our own Empire. Such progress, in an age of fierce rivalry, demands the policy of protecting our own with a little better than the strictest criticism, and always to be deprecated. When directed by British subjects against British concerns and the development of British industry by means of Canadian capital, such tactics are lamentable and inexplicably stupid. This is the unpatriotic kind of mischief-making of Canadian call "knocking," and recent as the unscrupulous influence of public life. Unfortunately, public opinion seems less definitely condemnatory and more indifferent in the matter in England.

One of the most prosperous of British-Canadian concerns has recently been the victim of this kind of mischief-making in London, for what reason it would be very hard to say, unless because of its unpopularity and success. It has been stated, as though with the wish to weaken its popularity, that probably there has been a great deal of "inside selling" of British Columbia Electric Railway stock. Our own information shows this to be entirely incorrect. The names of leading proprietors have been quoted, and quite wrongly quoted, as selling large holdings, and the suggestion has been made that there must be serious weakness for sale.

As a fact, our investigations show that one of the gentlemen so named, the Hon. M. R. Gifford, a director, has substantially increased his holding; the Pearl Insurance Company (which has amalgamated with the Phoenix), has not sold, but still holds its stock; the late Mr. R. K. Sperling can have sold his stock, or not, and we consider it is not for us to say. The chairman's own noteworthy fact, that the chairman's own extensive holding, which he has held since he was possessed of, has been transferred from his banker's name to his own, so that any inquirer may satisfy himself at an hour's notice about that.

Thus it will be seen that the mischievous suggestions made are utterly without foundation in fact. It is particularly curious that they should have been made so openly, and in such a manner as to suggest to our information from Canada, the railway is not only in as precarious a position as ever, but upon the eve of further development of a remarkably profitable character.

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All that may be said at present about the invention is that at the upper part of the machine there is a large aluminum fan, also of aluminum, of a new and exclusive design. The machine is completely noiseless, and from it the inventor claims to be able to obtain at least 20 horse power. It is largely constituted of aluminum, and when perfected is intended for adaptation to aeroplanes and motor cars.

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What Other People Think

AS TO VOTERS' LISTS.

To the Editor: A day or two ago a morning paper published a report of the annual meeting of the Property Owners' Association of our city, in which report occurred the rather amusing statement that owing to the efforts of this association the electoral lists of this city have been purified by the removal from these lists of the names of persons who do not pay taxes to the city. This assertion, I say, is amusing because every man with an ounce of brains in his head knows that the electoral lists of this city were never before in so rotten—no milder word will correctly describe it—a state as they are just now. It is a matter of public notoriety that these lists contain the names of many hundreds of people who never paid a dollar of taxes to this city, the \$2 being paid by a certain organization which uses their vote in municipal and provincial elections. In many cases even the names are fictitious, or appear to be, as detectives could find no trace of such persons at the address given on the printed lists when inquiries were made just before the late election. In one instance 64 names were on the lists, all registered from one address, which proved to be a saloon, and many other cases equally as bad were discovered. Instances could be given where batches of men were kept in a half-intoxicated condition on last election day until after dark, and then run in and voted under cover of darkness to avoid detection.

The last change in the municipal franchise act was made two years ago. Since that time the lists have been in the worst state they ever were, in the history of the city, and the city government has certainly not been an improvement on that of previous years, to speak euphemistically. If the Property Owners' Association is responsible for the last change then upon the members of this organization should be placed the blame for the present corrupt and rotten condition of things in connection with these lists. The change took the franchise from some of the mothers of our city who would have gone to the polls and given honest votes, conscientiously cast, and it left the franchise open to a board of disreputable scoundrels for whom certain political and other organizations choose to pay and, in fact, do pay, the \$2 road tax. That is the way our friends of the Property Owners' Association have purged the lists of irresponsible voters. They are a fine bunch of patriots, surely, and they should be canonized in a body.

A TAXPAYER.

SOME RAILWAY PROBLEMS.

To the Editor: The talk about 5-10 per cent. grades that takes place nowadays amongst people who, from a scientific point of view, are grossly ignorant of what they talk of, is remarkable. Not many days ago one of your principal public men was talking about 5-10 per cent grade down the Fraser river from the summit, en route to Kamloops. Now the fact is that this idea is barred by a rockslide of huge proportions west of the point at which the direction changes from east to south near Tete Jaune Cache. It would be impossible to take out a cutting or to make an embankment upon that slide and be sure that it would remain where built. During the month of June the sound of rock slide moving is like a roar of artillery; one hears it at intervals of a few minutes all the day long, and one can see its tracks plainly where no artificial provocation has been given to produce motion.

It is easily understood that the mountain side from top to base is in places impracticable for safe construction, and the proper alternative is to hold the flat below wherever it exists, even if it be necessary to cross the river twice to do so, which limits the grade that can safely be got at that particular place to one and two-tenths of one per cent, instead of a five-tenths per cent grade, and dispenses of public discussion No. 1.

Another futile delusion of infinitely more unblushing fallacy is the idea that a competing line will always conduct to lower rates and better conditions in the territory through which it passes. It may be that in British Columbia the masses seldom see Hampton's Magazine, published in New York. By looking through the numbers of 1909 it will be found that the prospects of Spokane, Wash., were utterly ruined by six "competing" railway lines, all of which entered into agreement together to charge the Spokane people for goods shipped direct say from New York to Spokane, the rates from New York to San Francisco and back to Spokane again, upon the plea that they had to oppose the Pacific Mail line from New York to San Francisco by sea, and this was the only way in which they could get even, and so they were starving the Spokane people to death. Mr. J. J. Hill, one of the last to enter the combine and who got terminal privileges and was going to benefit the Spokane people in the most beneficial way, joined the pool and left them just where they were.

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were beforehand. It will be seen, therefore, that the modern competition of railroads is a pinnacle of political blatherskite that is liable to tumble down with a rattle like that of the mountain rockslide. Not so, however, is the settlement of rates by the people. If it be so that the people are able to take advantage of this regulation, it covers a multitude of other imperfections; but there is still some political difficulty in its application. The decision with respect to this last item would be better left in the hands of a commission independent of all politics.

There was some talk lately about a ferry from English Bluff to Victoria. That is a well protected ferry provided the line goes direct to the most westerly point of the bluff on American territory, and which might be got (enough for terminals) by purchase. If the pier be governed by the intersection of high water with the international boundary, it will cost about one-quarter of a million dollars more and not serve the purpose more than half as well.

Sometimes reference has been made to a line to Fort George and down the Fraser river. Now there are deep canons on the Fraser river of the most forbidding description at various points.

A more unprofitable and rotten enter-

prise than this same line it would be difficult for the heart of man to conceive.

The proper course beginning at the coast and going to Fort George,

is to pass from the point chosen on the west coast of British Columbia through

the coast range, being the eastern toe

of the coast range, to a point on the Blackwater river, follow the plateau

north of the Blackwater to the Chil-

icoh river, thence via the Chilcoah to its junction with the Stewart river, and finally the Stewart river to Fort George.

This line will develop more fertile land

and probably more mineral also, than

any other that could be selected be-

tween the same terminal points and

could most likely be built for about

one-half the cost of a line following

the valley of the Fraser river. By this

means all the heavy crossings will be

avoided, such as the Chilcoah river

near the mouth, which has a depth be-

low the bench that is the only fit place

to locate a line of about twenty-five

hundred feet.

One of the greatest railway construc-

tions on the continent said a short time

ago that there was a great deal of non-

sense talked now-a-days about heavy

grades—with which all men know

the rudiments of mechanics must agree

being entirely a question of methods,

interest and capital account. Many

contractors who can move so many

million cubic yards of dirt (seawalls

on a large scale) arrogant to them-

selves knowledge of how to judge the

most profitable grades to adopt in cer-

tain cases, but if they were asked to sit

down and make a figured statement,

probably one of them could even begin

at the right end of the question, and

although they talk much in public

about such subjects, if their utterances

were to become known generally as

platform rot, they would be estimated

at about their true value.

ANTI-TAMPA.

PEER EXPLAINS.

London, Dec. 21.—Lord St. Aldwyn,

in a letter which was published yester-

day, says that he abstained from visit-

ing the House of Lords on the budget be-

cause he did not wish to oppose his

own side, but he saw nothing in the

budget justifying its rejection by the

House of Lords, nor anything in its

proposals which could properly be de-

scribed as Socialistic or revolutionary.

At the same time he says he does not

approve of the budget, expressing the

opinion that small duties on imports

would be sounder finances.

Lord St. Aldwyn's statement is prob-

ably the most sensible one in the cur-

rent political situation.

Lord Rosebery writes to the Times

complaining that neither the Liberals

nor the Conservatives have yet indi-

cated the lines on which they propose

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ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Roger Timlin, a mining promoter of San Francisco, shot and killed himself accidentally, it is believed, in a hotel room here.

Guests of the hotel who heard the shot rushed to the room and found Timlin lying on the floor, dying. Beside him was a suit case, partly opened. In the suit case was a revolver. It is believed Timlin accidentally discharged the revolver when attempting to close the case. The bullet struck him in the abdomen and he died in a few minutes.

**IN THE DAYS THAT
ARE TO COME**

Specially Written for the Victoria Daily Times by J. J. M. St. Louis College, City.

The somewhat acrimonious controversy which is now being carried on in the columns of the Times with reference to the exclusion or otherwise of Chinese immigrants from our province, raises a question which may possibly prove of great moment—"In the days that are to come." From a newspaper of considerable influence in this country I quote the following: "What we should aim at is to give the utmost freedom to bona fide Chinese or Japanese officials, travellers or merchants, while securing ourselves against the incursions of the colic (sic) classes. The sooner we see that it is our duty, as well as to our interests, to treat the great countries of China and Japan in a respectful and friendly way, the better it will be for this country in the days that are to come."

My own opinions on the matter may be found in the following lines:

Let the "Fatman" be impelled,
Head the war of the Herald—
Let us grovel to the Monkey, let us fawn upon the Chow;

Be respectful to the bagman,

To the Monkey's precious ramman,

File your orders on his doooper-hurry up and pile them now!

For we learn 'tis most essential

That we should be deferential—

That our aspect should be lowly, bending

Down on our knee;

That our duty to the humble—

Shall the white man dare to grumble

When the Chow exploits Victoria for his Yellow industrie?

Let us play the fawning flunkey

To the Chow and to the Monkey—

Let us all be most obsequious, be submissive, meek and dumb,

Learn to genuflect and grovel—

Learn to fawn and smirk and shuffle,

Let the Chow should be offended in the days that are to come!

Heart O' foolish white Canadian,

Lift your hat unto the alien,

Patronize the Yellow drummer—buy his cottons, tweeds and twills,

'Tis the Cobden creed of beauty—

You must know it 'tis your duty

To depend upon the Monkey and the product of his mills;

Vain the dreams of nation raising,

For the Monkey's eyesward gazing,

Sees our Master frowning darkly in a flabbergastin way;

So our industries must perish—

'Tis the Ape that we must cherish,

Let us load his manufactures in our de-

ferential dray!

Keeping out the Yellow Coolee

Who will toll in China duty,

Who will dwell in rags and squalor in the distance Yellow shanty—

Let us load the monkey's shanty—

Let us serve him soul and body—

Let the Chow should be spared in the days that are to come!

Not careless nor disdainful—

Ware the consequences painful.

For the White shall be a helot, so the Fawning Herald says.

Yes, the White Man, falling prone,

Shall retain existence only

If the Chow should be spared to him in the annals of history.

Hence, instead of getting ready,

Drilling fighters true and steady—

Hence in place of building Dreadnaughts,

We should practice how to fawn.

We should study careful bowing.

Practice crawling and kow-towing,

Ere the Chow arrives to boss us when the Days of Terror dawn!

Set the mare to act at therefore—

Do not question why now therefore,

Ye must know the Chow and fear him,

Not let him blow his battle-drum.

Last ye suffer fell disaster.

Be respectful to your Master,

For the Chow shall rule this Island in the days that are to come!

Sons unworthy of your fathers,

Lest the storm darkly gathers,

Ye must proffer salutations to the

Prophet of the Chow.

Open wide this Island's doorway,

Give his ships and cargo shoreway,

Plant a sign of invitation on each head-

land, bluff and cape!

Let the kinman pass in scaring,

Let this country, dumbly mourning,

Fall beneath the long dominion of the

Monkey and the Chow.

Here the White Man lies "forgotten,"

For his breed was misbegotten,

And he lacked the strength and labor with

His form and plough!

For his daily pangs told him—

How to gentified and fold him—

How to bow unto the alien like a human

pendulum.

When his sword should have buckled,

So he fawned and cringed and truckled—

Thus his epithaph they'll fashion in the

days that are to come!

CONVERT BECAME INSANE.

Lost Reason After Being Baptized in River—Man Threatens to Shoot Preacher.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Charles Walker, of Kingston, Jamaica, has established a new religious sect among negroes here, and baptized two converts in the icy waters of the Hudson. The converts were attired in loose robes and stood on the wharf, shivering, for half an hour after the baptism. A short time ago "Elder" Walker baptized in the Hudson Mrs. Pleasant Greene, who became violently insane.

Preacher Walker's belief is that all

baptisms should be performed in natural streams, irrespective of the temperature.

"It is often necessary," he says, "to cut a hole in the ice."

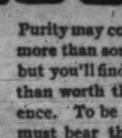
Pleasant Greene, whose wife was

taken to the asylum following her baptism in the river, threatened to shoot the elder if he preached his religion to Mrs. Greene again.

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**DISMEMBERED BODY
FOUND IN LAKE**

Seattle Police Believe Woman Was Run Over by Car.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Dorothy Woodhead, 23 years old, the wife of J. E. B. Woodhead, an Englishman, now returning to his native land, is dead in the city, the victim of murder, accident or possibly self-destruction. Her body, minus the left leg and left arm, was taken from Lake Union at a point several hundred yards out along the trolley street railway tracks of the Seattle Electric Company.

Lying on the cross ties of the trolley track, some 300 yards out from the Western mill, several hours before the discovery of the body, the motorman of a Fremont-Ballard car, out-bound, found the woman's big blue coat-soutache, the shaped hat, her gold watch and her leather purse, which the dismembered left hand still gripped. The hat had seemingly been deliberately removed from the head and carefully placed on the end of a tie and near it on the same stick of timber, a gold watch which had been presented to her by her husband. In the purse which the dismembered hand still clutched were several pieces of silver and numerous personal letters and cards.

The theory of the police is that the woman, who is reported to have been drinking, lost her way while trying to get home, wandered out on the trolley and in her intoxicated condition either laid down and went to sleep or threw her body across the track that she might be run over and killed. On the other hand, the street car people profess to believe that the woman was murdered and her body placed across the rails so as to convey the impression that she had been run down and killed by a street car. And in the face of these theories not a crew can be found among any of the many north end cars willing to admit that their particular car ran over the woman, dead or alive.

Woodhead, in a letter written to his wife from Minneapolis, tells her that he is returning to England and hopes never to see or hear from her again. He spoke of the watch, which was presented to him by his mother, and bids his wife keep the timepiece so that it may serve as a reminder to her of a good woman, referring to his mother.

THEATRICAL MANAGER KILLED.

Three Women Members of Company Injured During Fight.

Maben, Miss., Dec. 21.—Manager Evans, of a theatrical company travelling out of Memphis, was killed and five others injured in a free-for-all fight. The manager who, it is said, had been drinking, struck Rock Johnson over the head with a pistol and shot Harry Johnson, Rock's brother. The latter wrenched the weapon from Evans and shot him through the forehead. Three of the injured are women attached to the show.

SQUIRRELS SPREAD PLAGUE.

United States Secretary of Agriculture Urges That Animals be Destroyed in California.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The possible spread of bubonic plague through squirrels to such an extent as to become a real menace to sections where no cases have so far appeared has been called to the attention of the house committee on agriculture by Secretary Wilson.

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Skidegate, B. C., Dec. 12.—Captain Davies, superintendent of the McLean property at Gold Harbor, is in for a few days. He reports that the work is progressing favorably. Tunnel No. 1 is in 200 feet, tunnel No. 2 in 110 feet, and the shaft has a depth of forty feet. The vein varies from three inches to three feet in thickness in the widest part of the vein. The values run low, but in the narrow places the values run up to several thousand dollars per ton, free gold being visible in every piece taken out.

The claims near the north side of the Indian reserve, owned by Messrs. Gordon and McLean, are showing well, various assays running from \$4 to \$30 in gold, the average being about \$12. The heavy storms and excessive cold of the first part of the month have given way to clear days and mild weather. The snow near the mountains in many places is four feet in depth with about ten inches near the coast. J. Cook of Tlalib lost four tons of potatoes which were yet in the ground when the cold wave reached the islands.

E. Kershaw, of Lawn Hill, lost \$60 in bills on John Bray's ranch, and after lying under the snow for five days the money was uncovered by the thaw and the owner was made happy by finding it.

The launch Wee Jeanie is out of commission for the present owing to a break in her engines, and Messrs. Fritz and Schafer are doing the freighting from Skidegate to Lawn Hill with their new sloop.

The Moresby Island Lumber Company's mill at Queen Charlotte closed down last week on account of the stormy weather, it being impossible to keep up the supply of logs. The company expects to commence cutting again early in the new year.

MAY RECEIVE MILLION.

Collector of New York Approves Claim
of Deputy Who Revealed Sugar
Frauds.

New York, Dec. 21.—William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York has approved claim to money by Richard Parr, deputy collector and original informer in the sugar frauds, on the \$1,135,486 paid to the treasury by the American Sugar Refining Company as restitution for duties evaded by un-

derwriting.

According to the statutes regulating such awards, Parr will receive "not exceeding in amount one half of the net proceeds," which will mean in this case, if the claim is approved by the treasury department, approximately \$1,000,000.

Mr. Loeb approved the claim only after a thorough investigation by Garrison Osborne, solicitor of the customs.

FATAL COASTING ACCIDENT.

Portland, Dec. 21.—Frank Smith, 16 years old, who was one of the several injured in the coasting accident on the deadly "Hall street incline" here on December 5th, which caused the instantaneous death of Miss Onetta Serra, died at the hospital from his injuries. The lad's life was despaired of from the time he was hurt.

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ADMIRAL TOGO**HAS RETIRED****GREAT SEAMAN WHO****BEAT RUSSIA IS OUT**

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The retirement of Admiral Togo from the command of the Japanese navy occurred contemporaneously with that of Baron Thetford (Sir John Fisher) from the post of First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty, an event of considerable interest in naval annals. The Japanese commander, in the front rank of the world's great fighters at sea, and there is very little doubt that a great deal of his knowledge was obtained from early familiarity with the great fighting force which the retiring British commander played such an important part in building up.

Togo's well-known determination, not to say obstinacy, at one time gave rise to fears that he might, sooner or later, be tempted to violate the canons of international law; but, as a matter of fact, few naval commanders are better grounded in that branch of learning than the hero of Port Arthur.

The admiral is best known among foreigners as the man who fired upon the Kowshing at the beginning of the Japan-China war. A Japanese informant says that before he resorted to this drastic measure, Togo "pondered for some time with folded hands."

It is reported that in talking over the matter with a friend, he declared that had his action been shown to be wrong, or had it involved his country in any serious difficulty, he would most certainly have committed suicide.

At the close of the war with China a Lieutenant was appointed to write the official history. Togo took care to warn this officer against partial judgments arising from undue deference to his official superiors. "The one duty you must for ever keep before you," said the admiral, "is that of transmitting a true account of the events of the war to future generations."

A few years ago a grand review of the Japanese fleet was held at Kobe in the presence of the Emperor. As the cruiser Naniwa, Togo's old ship, passed in front of the flagship, a naval attache of the Russian legation paid the admiral a great compliment. Togo, however, paid not the slightest attention to his remark, but concentrated his gaze upon the movements of the fleet, and at the close of his examination, observed to Staff Officer Takarabe: "All right. If our discipline continues as good as this we need never fear defeat."

Togo shares with Louis XIV. the advantage of choosing his subordinates with rare skill; but, unlike the grand Monarch, he is quite willing that some portion of the credit for success achieved should be shared by those under him, and it is notorious that every report so far issued on the engagements before Port Arthur makes special mention of the part played by officers and men in effecting their happy result; and that throughout he makes scarcely any reference to himself.

It is stated on very good authority that before embarking for the front to take part in the fight with Russia, the admiral confessed to a kinsman that he was prepared to lose half his squadron and the same proportion of men in the attempt to crush the nation's formidable adversary. "The business under cover of warehouse receipts, everybody has supposed that banking in all its phases came under the Dominion powers, had the inadmissible right to prescribe conditions which would favor their rapid development." Nevertheless, the Privy Council held, with Sir Henri Taschereau, that another company which under a prior Dominion act was empowered to supply, sell and dispose of gas and electricity, with other powers, could not be restrained from operating thereunder at the suit of the appellants, who under later Quebec statutes had exclusive power of so operating in the locality chosen by the respondents." The conflict between Dominion and provincial authorities could not well be reduced to more concrete terms. And there is no apparent limit to the number or variety of subjects about which such clashes may come.

Manitoba Grain Growers.

Still another interesting case is that of the charter given by the Manitoba legislature to a Grain Growers' Association, under which the association is authorized to do what it is claimed by the bankers in a strictly banking business under cover of warehouse receipts.

Over all the controversy there hangs the shadow of the trusts, such as exist in the United States, and such as are to be formed by recent numerous and important amalgamations, presently to exist in Canada. Will the Dominion be able to effectively control institutions of this sort, with whose incorporation it may have nothing to do?

In the United States the State of New Jersey makes easy what congress is trying its best to make difficult. Will it be so in Canada, too?

These questions, and a host of others more or less allied to them, are giving the law-makers a great deal of concern. It was Sir Lomer Gouin who obtained a solution of the subsidy difficulty, and it rather looks as though Sir James Whitney and others look to him as the best man to lead the way to a solution of this one. But will it be done by calling a congress with the express purpose of clearing up all doubts about what are "provincial objects," as defined by the British North America Act, and having a new agreement ratified by the Imperial parliament, a course some of the provincial governments are believed to favor, or will there be preponderance of "federal" for the alternative plan of leaving the Act of Confederation alone, submitting certain pertinent questions to the Supreme Court, and so to the Privy Council, and allowing all parties to be bound in future by the decisions, whatever they may be? If it is to be, the question is still charged with great import and far-reaching consequences. If it is the other, there is room for the widest diversity of disagreement about what the terms of a new agreement might be.

Whatever the outcome we shall probably be safe in dating the beginning of a new and difficult political situation from Sir Lomer's visit to Sir James Whitney.

Judge MacLennan, on the contrary, held that "there is nothing in the British North America Act which would prevent an individual or partnership in any province from making insurance contracts with the same freedom and scope as before, and it would be a strange thing if it were enacted that a company incorporated by a province should be restricted to property within the province while individuals and partnerships were left free." The majority of the court concurred in this opinion. But the divergence of view is so radical that both Dominion and

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